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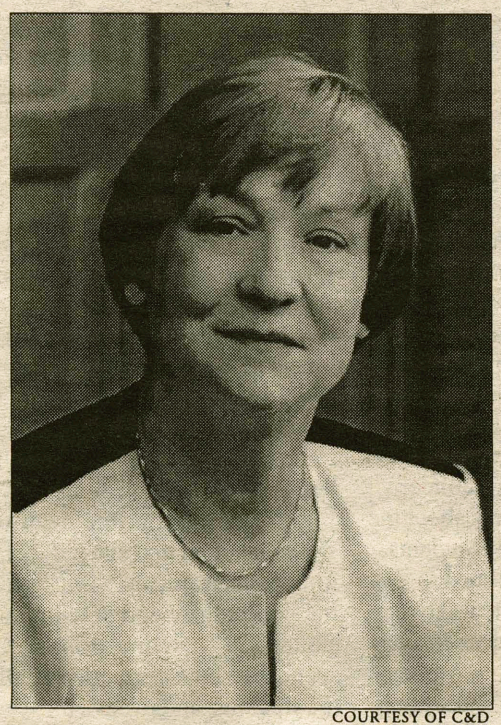

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Dean of Students Flossie Mitchell will not return to the Hill next year.

Stewart refuses to reappoint Mitchell as dean of students

by Kathleen McGrory '05
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

College President Joan Hinde Stewart announced Wednesday that Dean of Students Florence Mitchell will be leaving Hamilton at the end of the current academic year. Stewart declined to reappoint Mitchell as dean of students for the 2004-2005 academic year.

"I'm not going to be dishonest. I've always been honest with students. This was President Stewart's decision and not mine," said Mitchell.

Although Stewart first offered Mitchell the option to resign, Mitchell refused. "I said 'absolutely not.' Nobody who knows me would believe that I would leave Hamilton. I love it here. I love what I do. Even though we've made so much progress over the last few years, there is still much work to be done. I was looking forward to being a part of that."

According to the dean of students, the offer came to her as a surprise. "It hadn't been my intention to have this brief of a time here," she said. "I came in with the Class of 2004 and I guess I'll be leaving with the Class of 2004." As a result, she is just now beginning to look at her options regarding future employment.

"It really is surprising," said Jeff Landry, director of Residential Life. "While I've only been here for a year and a half, I can clearly see the progress that has been made during that short period of time. The notion of first year housing, faculty living in residence halls, academic theme housing... those are all ideas that Dean Mitchell put on the table. It surprises me that this decision would be made in spite of all of this progress."

Mitchell, however, noted that as the president of this college, Stewart has the right to make decisions regarding administrators. "It is one hundred percent her prerogative," Mitchell said. "When there is a change in leadership it is not rare to see many other changes follow."

Students are beginning to voice a number of concerns with regards to the present situation.

"I think the number one concern among members of the student body is that students are only hearing negative things from the President. The two most prominent messages she has relayed to students have been very aggressive. The first, regarding the alcohol coalition, will be positive in the long run, but is very frightening to students in the shorter run. The dismissal of Dean Mitchell is also very negative and aggressive," said Jeff Long '05, Vice President of Student Assembly. "I have a lot of confidence in her – she's exceptionally capable and experienced. The positive changes will come, but as of yet we haven't seen them."

Students are also showing support for Mitchell.

"On the whole, what I can see is that there seems to be a lot of support for Flossie from faculty, other administrators and students," said Landry, specifically referencing all-campus emails

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Hamilton student contracts TB, two dozen students to be tested

by Ian Mandel '06
NEWS EDITOR

A Hamilton College student has been diagnosed with pulmonary tuberculosis (TB), a chronic bacterial disease that spreads through the air. Dean of Students Flossie Mitchell announced the diagnosis to the College community in an all-campus email on Tuesday, February 3.

Although TB can be a highly contagious and potentially fatal disease, College and state health officials maintain that the case involving the Hamilton student poses a very minimal threat.

"We do not anticipate that many people who were exposed, even closely exposed, will be infected, if anyone at all," said Bill Hiscocks, Regional Supervisor for the Tuberculosis Bureau of New York State.

Mitchell's email stated that "The individual has been undergoing treatment supervised by the Oneida County Health Department and Hamilton College Health Center physician David P. Petrie since prior to the Christmas semester break when the illness was first suspected."

Although College and county health officials suspected that the student was infected with TB, the official diagnosis was made on Monday, February 2. According to Hamilton College Director of Student Health Services Christine C. Barnes, the student was treated at the Thomas B. Rudd Health Center last semester and had a positive PPD skin test. The test was an early sign that the student may have been infected with TB

The health center notified the Oneida County Department of Health (DOH), a standard procedure in such cases.

"This is a public health issue. They are the authority," Barnes said of the DOH.

The DOH performed a chest x-ray and obtained a sputum sample from the Hamilton student to determine if TB bacteria were present. According to MEDLINEplus Medical Encyclopedia, a service of the U.S. National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health, a sputum sample is obtained by inducing the patient to cough deeply, thereby expelling the material that comes from the lungs into a sterile container. This sample is subsequently stored in an atmosphere that allows organisms to grow, allowing scientists to determine the presence of certain types of disease-causing bacteria.

According to Barnes, the student's sputum specimen tested negative for TB three days in a row immediately after the sample was taken. As Mitchell's email stated, the student has been receiving treatment for several months, regardless of the initial negative results.

After allowing the sample to

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Severe weather threatens to make current winter among worst ever

by Ian Mandel '06
NEWS EDITOR

Heavy snowfall over the past two months has put the Utica area on pace for another record breaking winter. 13 inches of lake effect snow fell in the Utica area between January 28 and January 31, upping the month's snowfall total to 44.9 inches, according to Utica's WKTV News Channel 2 Online Weather Center. The total is significantly higher than the historical average of 27.1 inches for the month of January.

Last month's total, combined with the 42 inches that fell in December, the 8 inches that fell in November, and the 6.5 inches that have fallen so far this month, have added up to 101.4 inches so far this season, 39.1 inches more than normal. December's total was also well above historical averages.

Cold temperatures have added to the problem, providing few opportunities for snow accumulations to melt. Before making it up to 33 degrees on Monday, February 2, temperatures had stayed below freezing since reaching a high of 46 degrees on January 4.

If snowfall accumulations continue above average over the next several months, the Utica area could be in store for one of the harshest winters on record. According to WKTV, the snowiest season ever recorded, 1970-71, saw 186.5 inches fall. Another 85.1 inches would have to fall in the area to match that total, an unlikely feat considering February and March's historical averages: 18.8 inches and 16.2 inches respectively. Nonetheless, February has gotten off to a fast start, making the possibility seem a bit more realistic.

Last winter, 139 inches of snow accumulated in the Utica area, making it the eight snowiest

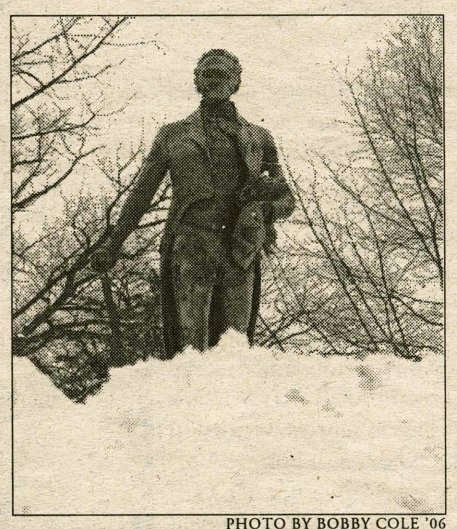

PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

The snow has accumulated so high that Alexander Hamilton is buried up to his knees.

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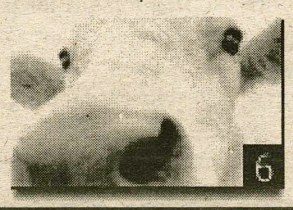

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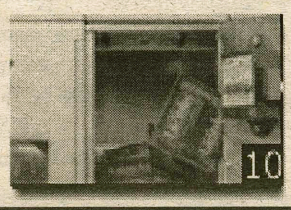

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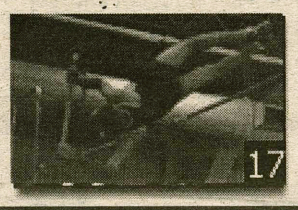

Dolan, Long forsee positive future for Student Assembly

by Kathleen McGrory '05
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Student Assembly President Elizabeth Dolan '05 and Vice President Jeffrey Long '05 have spent the beginning of the semester turning their campaign promises into realities. The two have already begun laying the framework to accomplish their three biggest goals for 2004: opening the lines of communication between members of the campus community, running the Adler Conference and revamping the election process at Hamilton.

"It is such an exciting time to be involved in politics at Hamilton, especially in terms of the debate regarding social climate," said Dolan. "This year's Student Assembly is a diverse group of motivated and committed students who are ready and willing to better Hamilton College. It is going to be an incredibly productive year."

The new administration began the year with what they referred to as "the Student Assembly retreat." During this afternoon session, members of the Assembly not only got to better know each other, but had the opportunity to discuss what changes they would like to see on the Hill. The afternoon resulted in discussion of increased philanthropic activity among student groups, better inter-council relations and overall improved communication on the Hill.

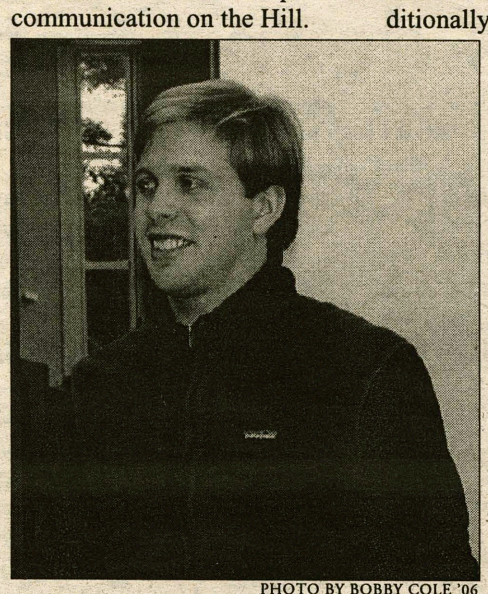

PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

Student Assembly Vice-President Jeff Long '05 plans to revamp the Student Assembly election process.

"Improved communication between members of the administration, faculty and student body has been our number one goal from the very start," said Dolan. "Opening the lines of communication would really give students a chance to express our ideas and learn how the Administration feels."

Dolan and Long have already begun to enact this plan by establishing weekly meetings between student groups, deans and a number of committees. Additionally, they have added a media representative to Student Assembly in hopes of better publicizing new policy. Possible outlets for publicity include a revamped website, *The Spectator*, WHCL and various focus groups.

In addition to meeting weekly with student groups and deans, Dolan and Long plan to work closely with College President Joan Hinde Stewart.

"We'd like to bring President Stewart out from the shadows," said Long. "Having listened to her, we know she's incredibly receptive to the student body. She's ready and willing to better the student body," he noted, mentioning that Stewart attended this week's Student Assembly meeting.

Dolan added that Stewart's

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College to search for new dean of students in wake of Mitchell firing

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from Pete Holzaepfel'05 and Lauren Dentone '04. Both student e-mails commended Mitchell for the work she has done on the Hill; Holzaepfel urged students "not to let her go without a fight."

Long also expressed the fact that Mitchell will be missed on the Hill. "She is very well respected and has done amazing things for this school. The entirety of the student body will be sad to see her go."

Despite student concerns, Stewart does not worry about the Office of the Dean of Students.

In a statement issued to *The Spectator* via email, Stewart wrote: "The quality of student life has been, and continues to be, very much on my mind. I share many students' deep appreciation for what Dean Mitchell has accomplished at Hamilton. She is a committed advocate for students and we are grateful for all that she has achieved. In searching for her replacement, we will seek to find someone who is a dedicated and engaged advocate for students, and who will creatively build on the successes of Flossie and her staff."

"Although transitions can be unsettling, I am reassured by the quality and commitment of the student life professionals who work hard each day helping our students achieve their full potential," continued Stewart. "It is my hope that we will have a new dean in place for the start of the 2004-05 academic year."

According to Meredith Bonham, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Stewart has not yet begun to put together a search committee for a new dean of students.

"While calls have been made to a number of search firms, the process is still in the preliminary stage," said Bonham. "For searches in the past, we've looked to standing faculty committees from which to draw members. Of course, we'll also be looking to draw members from other constituencies as well."

Mitchell hopes to see high levels of student input. "There should be ample student involvement in the search process," she said. "The position is, after all, dean of students."

In the interim, the dean of students noted that she will continue to carry out her work building community and serving the students. "It is my priority to spend this semester working with the students, and to pave the way for whoever will serve this position in the future," she stated.

Further, she hopes to see positive change come as a result of her termination.

"What I hope to have happen is for people to think about this concept of community. What does it mean to be a member of the Hamilton Community? How can we move forward on this idea? I urge students who want to express their ideas to use the vehicles in place such as *The Spectator* and Student Assembly. This is the kind of a community in which students should feel free to talk to fellow students, faculty, and even the president."

Whatever may come of these discussions, Mitchell has no regrets about the times she spent on the Hill. "I love Hamilton. I can say with complete honesty that it has been my privilege and my pleasure to work with the students here," she said.

Kerry wins 5 of 7 primaries and caucuses Tuesday to maintain frontrunner label

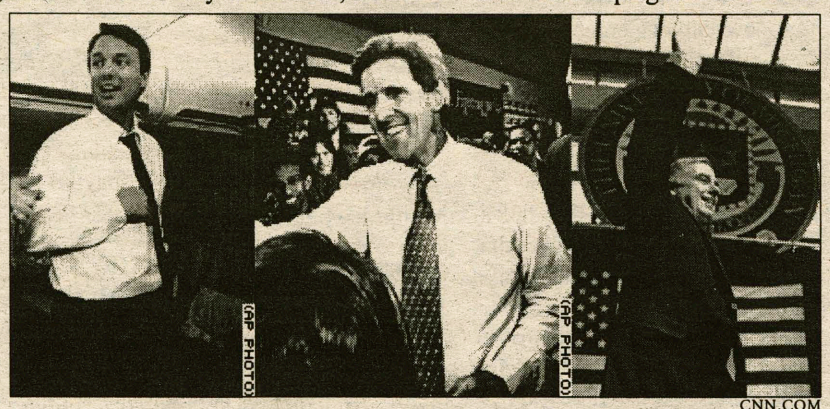
by Jon Kuhl '06
FEATURES EDITOR

Continuing to benefit from his win in the Iowa Caucuses, Senator John Kerry (D-Mass) took first place in five of the seven primaries and caucuses held on Tuesday, February 3. The night wasn't all Kerry's, though; Senator John Edwards (D-NC) won in his native state of South Carolina, and retired General Wesley Clark took a narrow victory in Oklahoma. Former Vermont Governor Howard Dean, the onetime national frontrunner, had another poor showing, failing to be competitive in any of the seven states.

In the days preceding Tuesday's elections, it was clear that Senator Kerry was going to do well in North Dakota (50%), New Mexico (42%), Missouri (51%), Delaware (50%), and Arizona (43%), all states which he ultimately did win. Edwards and Kerry had strong showings in Oklahoma, a race so close that CNN eventually called the results a virtual three-way tie, despite Clark's slight numerical victory.

Edwards, whose campaign depended on winning in South Carolina, ended up with 45 percent of the vote, compared to Kerry's second-place finish, with just 30 percent. Realizing that he needed a win to stay in the race, Edwards spent more money and time in South Carolina than any other candidate, efforts which seem to have paid off. Edwards continues to stand by his statement that he is not running for the vice-presidency on a Kerry-Edwards ticket.

Hoping that a win in Delaware would add more "Joe-mentum" to his campaign, Senator Joe Lieberman (D-Conn) was dealt defeat with just 11 percent of the vote. After being introduced by his wife, along with fellow Senator Chris Dodd (D-Conn), Lieberman gracefully bowed out of the race, telling his supporters that "Our campaign has been about



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Democratic presidential hopefuls John Edwards, John Kerry and Howard Dean continue to battle for their party's nomination.

vision, and while the door on our campaign has closed, a window opens tonight for us to continue fighting for what's right."

Dean was perhaps the biggest loser of the night. Although

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January and December both double historical snow averages

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winter ever recorded. If the snow continues to fall the way it has up to this point, last season's total figures to be surpassed by the end of the month.

Although the area and large snow accumulations are well acquainted with one another, Hamilton College has been directly affected by the season's total. Many campus parking lots have remained unplowed or very poorly plowed, limiting the space available for student parking and making driving conditions especially dangerous.

In an email sent to the all-student listserv, Assistant Director of Physical Plant Terry Hawkridge stressed the condition of student lots. "Residential parking lots are in dire need of snow removal," he wrote.

The email outlined a schedule for the snow removal in Ferguson, Milbank, Babbitt, Major and Root Extension Lots, as well as in Bundy Circle and at the Griffin Road Apartments. The process commenced Thursday evening and will continue tonight and tomorrow.

Hawkridge's email specified that students will need to check the removal schedule and ensure that their cars have been moved.

"It is the responsibility of students to move their vehicles for this operation or they could be towed at the owner's expense if they remain," Hawkridge wrote.

In addition to parking lots, walkways and paths have become a mess as well.

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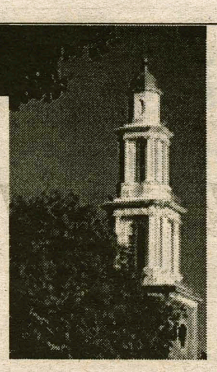


THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Dan Bleeker '06

Fulbright Hopes Dashed in Mail Mix-up

BERKELEY, California (AP) — A missed mail pickup has let down 30 University of California at Berkeley students who hoped to win a Fulbright doctoral research fellowship.

University officials said Wednesday they're dismayed that the U.S. Department of Education is shutting out the students on grounds that they didn't submit their applications on time.

"For these students to lose out on the opportunity to compete for the Fulbright award in this way is outrageous," Berkeley Chancellor Robert M. Berdahl said in a statement Wednesday.

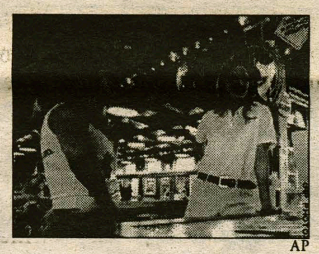
Berkeley officials maintain they weren't late, claiming that a Federal Express courier failed to pick up the applications as scheduled due to a software problem.

The deadline for applications was October 20, the same day Berkeley left the applications to be picked up. The courier picked them up the next day and FedEx provided the university letters to send to the Education Department acknowledging the mix-up. But Education Department officials said a deadline is a deadline.

Work-study Job at Hooters Criticized

GUYTON, Georgia (AP) — A high school senior's choice for a work-study job was a little too racy in the eyes of her superintendent.

Laura Williams, 17, took a job about a month ago as a hostess at a Hooters restaurant, the national chain known for its scantily clad waitresses.



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Superintendent Michael Moore has asked Williams to quit, saying the job is not appropriate for a work-study program.

"I have questions in my mind because of the advertising and sexual connotations," Moore said. But Larry Williams said he does not mind his daughter working at the restaurant. He planned to appeal to the school board and argue that his daughter should be allowed to keep her job.

"I went to Hooters for an hour, and six families came in for supper during that time," he said. "This is a chain restaurant with high standards."

Earlier in the school year, Laura Williams got a job cleaning homes and businesses, but was encouraged by a school adviser to find a job where her performance could be better monitored, her father said.

Georgia School Chief Drops 'Evolution' Proposal

ATLANTA, Georgia (AP) — Georgia's school superintendent Thursday dropped plans to remove the word "evolution" from the state's high school science curriculum.

"I will recommend to the teacher teams that the word 'evolution' be put back in the curriculum," Kathy Cox said in a statement.

Cox said she originally wanted to replace "evolution" with the phrase "biological changes over time" to avoid controversy.

"Instead, a greater controversy ensued," she said.

The proposal drew widespread criticism.

Former President Carter said it exposed the state to nationwide ridicule.

The proposed change was included in more than 800 pages of draft revisions to the curriculum posted last month on the Department of Education's Web site.

The changes are scheduled to go before the state Board of Education for a vote in May.

"It was the right thing to do," said Gov. Sonny Perdue, a Republican, who had said he thought Cox should drop the proposed change.

"As public officials, we don't have the luxury of thinking out loud; I believe that's what she was doing."

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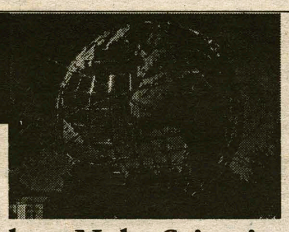

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Pakistan President Pardons Nuke Scientist

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan's president pardoned the country's top nuclear scientist Thursday for leaking weapons technology to Iran, Libya and North Korea - a move designed to ease domestic political pressures and head off a deeper inquiry into official involvement in years of nuclear proliferation.

Just two weeks after condemning possible rogue elements in Pakistan's nuclear program as "enemies of the state," a defiant and unapologetic President Gen. Pervez Musharraf forgave Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan after the disgraced scientist took responsibility on national television for leaks that spanned at least a decade starting in the late 1980s.

Musharraf's decision to back away from a public trial appeared weak to some international observers suspicious of his and Kahn's contention that the Pakistani government didn't authorize or know about the proliferation.

But key allies like the United States and Britain pointedly withheld criticism Thursday. Analysts said Washington was unlikely to seek tougher action against Khan for fear of putting the Pakistani leader in a tight spot.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan sidestepped repeated questions about whether the Bush administration wants Pakistan to join the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

"President Musharraf provided us assurances that the government of Pakistan was not involved in any kind of proliferation activity," McClellan said.

Police Grill Sharon in Bribery Scandal

JERUSALEM (AP) — Police questioned Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for more than two hours Thursday about a bribery case that could force him out of office, as criticism grew that his surprise proposal to remove Israeli settlements in Gaza was meant to deflect attention from the scandal.

The prime minister again denied wrongdoing, Israel TV said. Sharon told investigators he did not know of a lucrative marketing contract his son Gilad signed with a real estate developer despite apparent lack of experience needed for the job, the report said.

Meanwhile, Israeli forces in about 30 vehicles entered the town of Jenin at the northern edge of the West Bank late Thursday, exchanging heavy fire with Palestinian gunmen, the military and residents said. An Israeli in the force was seriously wounded, the military said. No Palestinian casualties were reported. Israel Radio said the soldiers were searching for terror suspects.

In the Gaza Strip, members of rival security services exchanged fire at Gaza police headquarters, and 11 police officers were wounded. One, a 22-year-old serving under Jabali, died of his wounds, hospital officials said.

More Than 100 Insurgents Captured in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. and Iraqi forces captured more than 100 suspected guerrillas in raids across the country, arresting one of Saddam Hussein's intelligence chiefs and another Iraqi believed involved in a suicide bombing last month, a U.S. commander said Thursday.

The raids on Wednesday and Thursday occurred as daily attacks on U.S. forces are climbing after a recent lull. Rebels lobbed a mortar shell Thursday at a checkpoint near Baghdad International Airport, killing one U.S. soldier and wounding another, the U.S. command said.

The attack outside the airport, which serves as a major American military base, brought to 529 the number of American troops killed since the Iraq war began March 20.

American forces are also tracking a shadowy militant group that claimed responsibility for Sunday's back-to-back suicide bombings, said U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt. The bombings, which devastated gatherings at Kurdish political offices in the northern city of Irbil, killed at least 109 people, including senior Kurdish politicians who were strong U.S. allies.

A statement from a group calling itself the Ansar al-Sunna Army said it targeted the "dens of the devils" because of the Kurds' ties to the United States.

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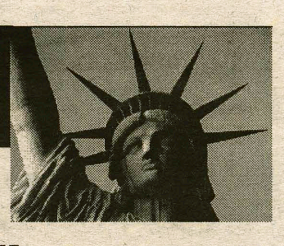

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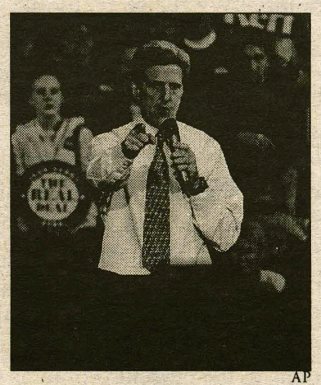
Gephardt to Endorse Kerry

NEW YORK (AP) — Rep. Dick Gephardt, the former House minority leader whose presidential campaign collapsed in Iowa's caucuses, will endorse Democratic front-runner John Kerry, a Democratic official said.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Missouri lawmaker will give Kerry his backing in Warren, Mich., a blue-collar suburb of Detroit, on Friday. The endorsement is a huge boost for Kerry who has been aggressively pursuing the backing of labor unions who had thrown their support to Gephardt.



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The official also said Gephardt's endorsement is a signal that Kerry is close to securing the support of some of the labor groups that had endorsed the congressman.

Gephardt dropped out of the race last month after a fourth-place finish in the Iowa caucuses. He said at the time he intended to support the party's nominee, but said he had no immediate plans to endorse any of the contenders.

CIA Boss: Iraq Never an Imminent Threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Intelligence analysts never told President Bush before the invasion of Iraq that Saddam Hussein's rule posed an imminent threat, CIA Director George Tenet said Thursday in a heated defense of agency findings central to the decision to go to war.

The urgency of the Iraqi threat was Bush's main argument for the war. But the president said Thursday he still would have invaded Iraq if he'd known no weapons stockpiles existed - adding a new element to the much-debated question of whether the United States went to war based on faulty assumptions.

Tenet, addressing such questions for the first time after weeks of silence, acknowledged that analysts believed before the war that Saddam had chemical and biological weapons, although none have been found. He said he believes some of what U.S. intelligence predicted about Iraq will turn out to have been right - and some wrong - as is often the case in such matters.

Mass. Lawmakers Mull Gay Marriage Ruling

BOSTON (AP) — Legislators opposed to gay marriage were coming up with ways Thursday to circumvent a Massachusetts court ruling that paves the way for same-sex marriages as early as May.

House Speaker Thomas Finneran, who opposes gay marriage, wants the high court to delay when its ruling takes effect until voters have considered a constitutional amendment defining marriage as a heterosexual union.

That measure has yet to be approved by the Legislature and wouldn't appear on a ballot until 2006. But without the delay, the Democrat said Thursday, "You would have a period of time of complete legal chaos and confusion about the validity of those relationships."

Under Wednesday's 4-3 advisory ruling by the Supreme Judicial Court, gay marriages could begin in Massachusetts in mid-May. If voters were to pass the heterosexuals-only amendment, it is unclear whether marriages performed during the more than two years in between would be legally binding.

The court's opinion Wednesday doused one compromise option, Vermont-style civil unions, ruling that they don't go far enough because gay couples are entitled to all benefits of marriage.

Opponents of gay marriage pin their hopes on part of the original court ruling that said state law provided no "rational" basis for prohibiting same-sex couples from the benefits of marriage.

Some lawmakers, including Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty, hope to craft a bill providing such a rational basis for excluding gay couples from marriage while conveying some new benefits to same-sex couples.

"The court has overstepped its boundary and has not let the legislative process to unfold the way it has on other issues," O'Flaherty said.

Dolan, Long have high expectations

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presence at the Monday night Student Assembly meeting brought up another important point. "We'd also really like to reinforce the notion that Student Assembly meetings are for everybody: faculty, administrators, students, even the President."

The Assembly is also hard at work developing the Adler Conference. This year's conference focuses on Hamilton's social climate. In small discussion groups, students, faculty and administrators will aim to create solutions to the current problems on campus, including excessive alcohol consumption and vandalism. The solutions that come as a result of the conference will be sent directly to the members of the President's Coalition on Alcohol. According to Dolan, the Coalition will take them into account when creating Hamilton's new alcohol policy this March.

"We're looking to engage the student body in intense think tank discussions. Students should not let this opportunity slip away. This is the driving force in the decision that will be issued on March 15th," said Dolan.

Long agreed. "We need to head into the Adler Conference knowing that we need answers. If we don't have a solution by Friday, one will be made for us. That is not what students want. Students want to be heard."

"Students will be a part of the solution," Dolan added. "In my opinion that is the definition of democracy in student governance."

Lastly, Dolan and Long are looking to do what no Student Assembly team has done before: a total overhaul of the elections process. According to Long, the decision to revamp the process stems not only from the lack of candidates but also from the lack of participation among voters.

"I'd like to see 90-95% of students active in the election process," he said, noting that for this to be a possibility, students would not only have to get out and vote, but also run for Student Assembly positions.

To facilitate voting, Long hopes to modernize the voting system by going digital. Online voting and a website posting student campaigns are the centerpieces of Long's plan. In addition, he proposes allowing students to have a budget for Student Assembly Campaigns as well as allowing candidates for the office of president to publicly debate key issues.

"Not only do we think this will get more people involved in the election process, we really think this would increase the presence of political activity on campus," added Long.

Overall, Dolan and Long have high expectations for their term as President and Vice President of Student Assembly. Said Long, "In the future, we'd like to be remembered as an administration of action - we're going to get things to happen."

State TB authorities: Hamilton student poses minimal risk

*from **TB**, page 1*

sit for six to eight weeks, the DOH informed Barnes Monday that TB bacteria had grown and shown up in the student's sputum. Barnes said that the student, whose name cannot be released because of laws protecting privacy, was informed of the diagnosis immediately after the College was notified of the results. Mitchell's email announcement to the community was made the following day.

Some students have contacted the health center, accusing them of attempting to cover up the diagnosis.

"We got it out there as soon as we got confirmation," Barnes said, denying all implications that information was withheld from students. She said that some students interpreted the wording of the email to mean that the College has known a student has been infected since last semester.

The next step for College and state health officials will be to test people who may be at risk of contracting TB.

"To really be at risk for this, it has to be close, continuous contact with the person with the disease," Barnes said.

Barnes stated that the Health Center has attempted to contact between twenty-four and twenty-six individuals deemed to be at risk of contracting TB. Those people have been advised to come to the Health Center on Monday, February 9, to be given PPD tests. Nurses from the DOH will be on campus between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to perform the tests. Additionally, Hiscocks will be available in the Health Center to answer any questions that community members may have. Hiscocks stressed that his planned trip to campus is to provide information.

"I'm not going [to the Hamilton College Health Center] because this is a serious situation. I'm going because I understand that people need education and I want to alleviate some of their fears and tell them what to expect," Hiscocks said.

Hiscocks stated that although the risk is slim that any exposed individuals will contract TB, additional tests will be needed in the coming months due to the disease's long incubation period (usually about three months).

The number of people requested to get tested for TB is much larger than would normally be suggested, Hiscocks said, a difference he attributes to the College's desire to be extra-cautious.

"In this case, we've gone way beyond what would normally be done, but the concern in a school...is higher, so there is pressure to do the best we can. We're going to cover all the close contacts and a dozen or so other people who wouldn't normally have as much exposure," Hiscocks said.

Barnes said that state officials were relying entirely on information provided by the infected student to determine who they had come into contact with. Those students who are worried are encouraged to request a PPD test at the Health Center.

"If you don't know and it's something that bothers you, come in and get a PPD skin test," Barnes said.

Dems continue to battle for nomination

*from **Democrats**, page 2*

he still has the second most delegates, 121 to Kerry's 260 and Edwards' 107, many experts believe he needs a victory to truly stay in the race. Focusing on Wisconsin's upcoming primary, where he hopes the state's history of liberalism will give him a win, Dean has conceded that if he doesn't win there, he will exit the contest. In an effort to revitalize his campaign for next week's primaries, Dean reached out to his supporters Wednesday night, asking for $700,000 in donations by Sunday, February 8 to help in Wisconsin. As of 10:30 p.m. Thursday evening, Dean was able to raise $693,103.76 from 9,886 different contributors, sending signs that he may very well still have a few surprises up his sleeve.

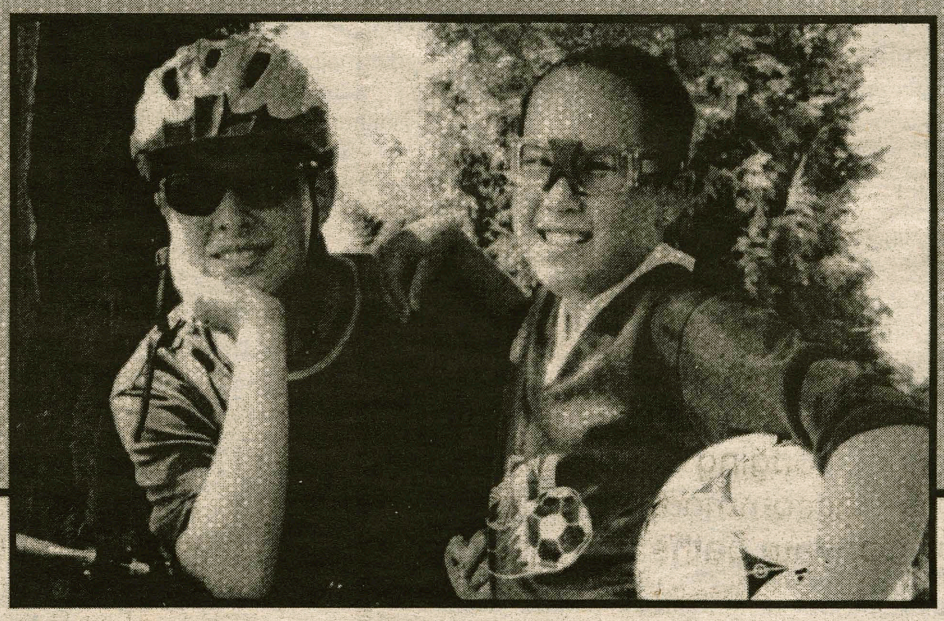
Reverend Al Sharpton and Representative Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio), who have habitually finished at the bottom of the polls, are both continuing to campaign. Sharpton, who did expectedly well with the African American population in South Carolina, came in third, with 10 percent of the vote. Kucinich, on the other hand, failed to get more than 6 percent in any state (his highest number yet, in New Mexico).

Looking ahead, Michigan and Washington will be having caucuses this Saturday, and Maine on Sunday. This coming Tuesday, Tennessee and Virginia will have primaries, leaving Dean to wait until Tuesday February 17th to prove himself in Wisconsin.

Capitalizing on his momentum, Kerry has not only landed himself on the cover of several major magazines, but has also picked up valuable endorsements. In Michigan, Kerry has been endorsed by U.S. Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, and Governor Jennifer Granholm; in Washington, Senator Maria Cantwell and Governor Gary Locke; in Maine, Governor John Baldacci; and most famously, former presidential competitor, Congressman Richard Gephardt (D-Missouri).

Play it Safe

"It's all fun and games until someone loses an eye..."



That's what your parents told you when you were a kid. Shouldn't you tell your children?

Each year thousands of children suffer unnecessary sports-related eye injuries — bruised eyes, scraped or torn corneas, detached retinas and eye hemorrhaging.

Vision Council of America, a nonprofit trade association representing the optical industry, wants parents to know that wearing protective eyewear can prevent or lessen the severity of most eye injuries.

Talk to your eyecare professional about protecting your child's eyes. Safety standards do exist for many sports and your eyecare professional will be able to help you find the eyewear appropriate for your child's activities.

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Reevaluating our community

What is a community?

A community is a group of people united by common goals and interests. Here at Hamilton, we pride ourselves on being a community. One of the college's biggest selling points to prospective students is the unique nature of our Hamilton community. But President Stewart's recent decision not to rehire Dean of Students Flossie Mitchell has caused the student body to question whether the term even applies here anymore.

If you were to ask a student on the Hill who best embodies the sense of community particular to Hamilton, most would answer "Flossie." Even though she has only been dean of students for four years, Florence "Flossie" Mitchell has had ties to Hamilton for longer than most of us have been alive. She first came to Hamilton as associate dean of student affairs in 1978 at the time of the Hamilton-Kirkland merger. Though her career took her away from the Hill for a while, she returned in 2000 to serve as dean of students. For Flossie, coming back to Hamilton was like coming home. She strengthens the Hamilton community by her very presence, and through her actions we learn how a community is supposed to function.

A community must be based on strong communication and trust. Facilitating such communication is Flossie's greatest strength as dean. Students know that her door is always open and feel comfortable confiding in her. Administrators trust and respect her thoughts and opinions. At Hamilton a divide exists between students and administrators. Flossie bridges this gulf with remarkable ease.

A community must be based on honesty. Flossie has kept Hamilton honest. Flossie is obsessed with neither rankings nor money; her agenda puts students first. Flossie's integrity has never been questioned. Yet her honesty has been rewarded with an unexplained "don't let the door hit you on the way out."

Further, we know a community is supposed to be based on trust. President Stewart lost the trust of many students when she unilaterally dismissed Flossie. A community does not exist when members feel threatened by those in charge, or when we abandon one of our own in times of crisis.

Sweeping changes are being made in our "community." Without Flossie, we risk negotiations turning into battles. We risk our valued community turning into just another business where *U.S. News and World Report* dictates who we should be. If the recent decision is an indication that President Stewart cannot work with Flossie, we are worried that the President's ideals are not compatible with the very nature of the Hamilton community.

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This year the sisters of Alpha Theta Chi will be joining forces with the Womyn's Center for Hamilton's annual participation in V-Day, a global movement to stop violence against women and girls. Starting February 5th members from both organizations will be in Beinecke selling carnations to be distributed throughout the Hamilton community on Valentine's Day. 90% of the proceeds will go to the YWCA Hall House in Utica, a shelter that provides housing and counseling for sexually and physically abused women. A portion of the Hamilton donation will buy roses for the women on Valentine's Day and the rest will aid the organization in its daily activities. The remaining 10% of the total proceeds will go to the Abused, Missing and Murdered Women of Juarez Mexico fund. Please stop by Beinecke to support the Alpha Theta Chi and the Womyn's Center in their cause.

Hamilton Public Speaking Competition
The Clark Award
open to the class of 2004

Requirements: This competition includes a written paper. The assigned topic will focus on the ideas of Ralph Nader. In preparation for the Clark, you may wish to attend Nader'spresentation, "Politics and the Environment: Winners and Losers" on Tuesday, February 10th, College Chapel at 8 p.m. A group of three faculty judges will provide a blind review of the senior papers. Based on that review, three to six seniors will be chosen to speak in the final round of the competition. There will not be a preliminary speaking round for the Clark Prize.

Preliminary Information Session for all interested participants: February 17th, Red Pit at 4 p.m.

For more information check out the web site:
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Insights and Ideas

The Atkins Diet: All bacon, all the time?

by Britten Chase '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

So I know what you're thinking to yourself. You're thinking, "Self, what if one day I'm dancing around and my boob accidentally falls out just like Janet Jackson's? What will people think? Will they be revolted or will they think I'm a work of art?"

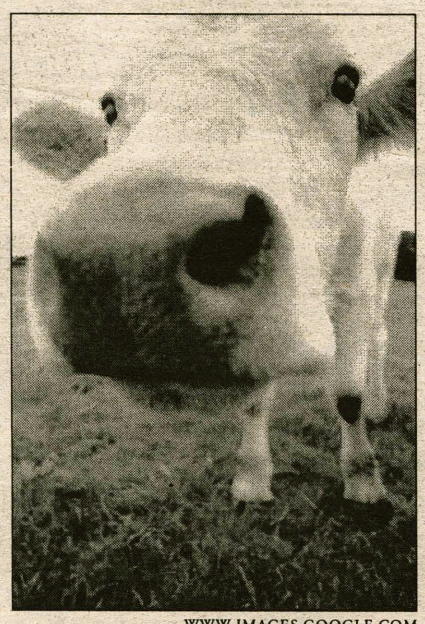
First off, you have to feel bad for Janet Jackson. Usually, when your boob pops out for whatever reason, you can at least comfort yourself by saying, "Well, at least not everyone in America saw that." Doesn't work for Janet.

But, since... well... I guess it could happen to anyone, you feel as though you should be prepared. Indeed, one day you may be spontaneously naked, and rather than screams of disgust, you would probably prefer applause.

So despite all the self-image seminars that tell us to "love our bodies for whatever they are," (I actually don't know what they say at these things, having never been to one. But I do read McEwen table trash. When I'm not feeling happy, about my body, that's where I turn for inner strength), you have decided to drop some weight. Not by using that cop-out method (bulimia), but by going on an actual diet.

Friends, Dr. Brit (Indian (Native American?) Name: Fierce Melon) has come to the rescue. There are lots of ways to lose weight, and I don't really know what's best for you, but I am willing to bet I know what is not best for you: The Atkins diet.

For those not paying attention, the Atkins diet has recently started a nutritional revolution. Rather than, you know, eat from all five food groups, Dr. Atkins has found that an effective way for weight loss is to eat as much as you want of anything you want, so long as its not carbohydrates.



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It's what's for dinner... and breakfast, and lunch.

It really is too bad that the Atkins diet was not fully appreciated until after Dr. Atkins died. Yep, he was shoveling snow. Slipped on the ice, hit his head, and died.

Let's be careful out there.

Now there's no business like the food business, and everyone is starting to offer an Atkins-friendly alternative, which I find unfair. Because when I was four and all I ate was pizza and French fries, not everyone would cater to my tastes. In fact, only my mom would. Occasionally.

But just because everyone's doing it, doesn't mean that it's a good idea. As my good friend Ryan would say, "There is something wrong with a diet that tells you to eat bacon and not... apples."

And indeed there is. See the theory behind Atkins is that carbs are your fuel; they are what you burn for energy. If all you eat is protein and fat, then the body will burn the second most efficient fuel source: fat.

Now before I go ripping on the diet, I should come out and admit that I know for a fact that if you follow the Atkins diet, you will lose weight. My dad was on the Atkins diet this summer. He stayed on all protein and did lose weight. I was racing this summer, so my diet consisted of 65% carbohydrates. This caused my mom to quit cooking and we were left to forage in the woods (my backyard and its tree).

Come to think of it, maybe that's why the diet was so successful for him.

But I digress. Here's why you shouldn't do Atkins:

1. It is straight up not healthy. Despite what they (Atkins-cultists) say, you do need a balanced diet, and you're missing out on some kick ass vitamins and minerals.

Even fitness buff Jack LaLanne came out against this diet recently in Sports Illustrated. "It's a gimmick! You need whole-grain breads and cereal!" Folks, this man is planning on swimming from Catalina Island, California (left coast) to Long Beach, California (still left coast) for his birthday: a distance of 30 miles. And, oh yeah, this is for his 90th birthday. Atkins died clearing his driveway. Who are you gonna listen to?

2. Any diet that does not involve pizza is unnecessarily difficult. I'm just listening to my inner child on that one

3. You, the average Hamilton student, have no chance at success. Why? Simple. Beer is a carbohydrate. In case you missed last week's Spec, or in case you have... you know... never ever been to Hamilton, it seems we have a drinking problem. Wow. In the words of Robin Williams, "%*&#ing duh." No one really thought that 2/3=1/4, did they? Unless you have the observational skills of Ray Charles, you must have had at least a vague notion that something was amiss.

I remember when I was a freshman at Hamilton and thinking that the amount of drinking going on was extremely scary, and how had no one died yet. Now I simply think it's pathetic, almost as pathetic as Student Assembly suggesting that in order to stop the problem, the college should supply us with alcohol. But yeah, beer is not on Atkins. Don't set yourself up for failure.

Seriously, if you are thinking of going on a safe diet (good goal) and if you really are looking to me for nutritional advice (whoa) there's an easy way to do it. It's all math. Cut out 250 calories from your diet everyday. That's like... a soda. And increase the amount of calories that you burn each day by 250. That's like 20 minutes on the stationary bike, unless you are one of those annoying people that put the thing on 30 watts and pedal slowly. You are simply in my way, and it will take you hours to burn 250 calories.

But added together, you just took care of 500 calories a day: 3500 calories in a week. That's a pound a week, and you're on your way to losing weight and being safe about it.

No Straw Men

by Jonathan Rick '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS COLUMNIST

The Pious Politics of George W. Bush

There are many good people in the world who accept religion, and many of them hold the right ideas. But religion, which drives much of what is bad in the Bush Administration, is not the solution to America's problems; religion, namely, the President's fundamentalist policies, is the problem. For in converting the Oval Office into the Pulpit Office, Bush abdicates his duty to uphold the godless Constitution.

In his State of the Union address last year, President Bush called for the prohibition of "partial-birth" abortion; previously, he said that the procedure "offends human dignity." Of course, this linguistic manipulation amounts to mystical dogma, according to which God places the soul in the womb at conception.

Hence, the womb becomes God's property - which effectively means the government's property. To wit, Bush seeks to so pervert the concept of rights that a woman must sacrifice her life to that of a biological para-

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Thumbs Up Thumbs Down Who Cares?

- The Health Center finding the cure for cancer: a salt-water gargle and two aspirin.

- "Privileged and Good Looking..." Who invited Paris Hilton to Hamilton?

- Pledges: making up for the jitney's recent lackluster performance.

- Baby yoga.

- 70's night in Commons... What will the geniuses at Bon Appetit think of next?

- Superbowl Sunday... After the Red Sox lost, Boston needs something to cheer about.

- The abundance of local car commerials... How many used-car dealerships could Utica possibly have?

- The loss of one of the few remaining administrative allies.

- The ISC Toga Party: The least attended event since the last Crew match.

- The sad fact that MTV could make a reality TV show out of anything and we would probably watch it... in marathons.

- A failed 'fart and evacuate mission' at the bar.

- $.25 wing night at the V.T.: helping introduce the new phenomen of 'The Downtown Senior 15'.

- ResLife finally putting a long-awaited end to the DU dynasty in Milbank.

Deirdre Fenton '04, Mia Lehmkuhl '04, and Avery Schlicher '05.

- CNY Tip of the Week: Whenever you use the word 'classy' to describe something, it automatically makes it unclassy.

- Angry independents without wheels... Maybe you can borrow my Mercedes!

- Janet's nipple exposure...I hope she didn't embarass her family.

- Any person who thinks that talking about the class you have together is appropriate party-time conversation.

- "Movies and Smoothies" vs. "Grinding and Booze"... like anyone is going to show up anyway.

- Pugnacious meatsticks.

- The great Hamilton exodus to Negril, Jamaica.

Come on Clinton:

The official guide to getting it on... Hamilton style

by Klitora Kirkland
(Sarah Schwartz '04)

and Phallixander Hamilton
(Dan Fiore '04)

On a chilly February day, Phallix and Klitora lay idly on Phallix's bed braiding each other's pubic hair.

"I'm bored," said Klitora, blowing her revenge-of-the-80's bangs off of her forehead.

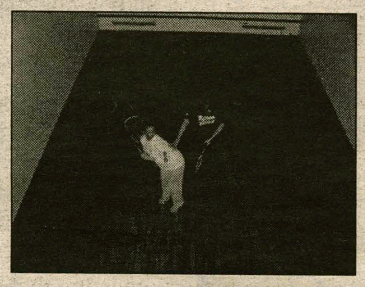
"Duh," agreed Phallix, and tossed his Janet Jackson-inspired nipple tassels angrily across the room.

If you are no stranger to passing your winter days in this way, read on, because Phallix and Klitora have devised a way to spice things up. Throw out those been-there-done-that expectations about the third floor of the library and get ready to get wild... Hamilton style.

All you'll need are your genitals, a consensual partner, and a willingness to explore the Campus as you never have before. Welcome to Phallix and Klitora's Guide to Getting it, on Hamilton Style.

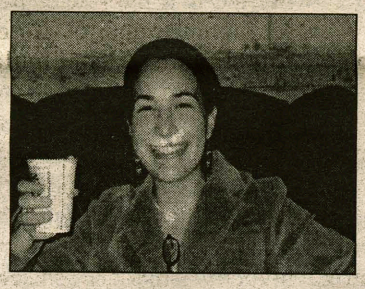
The Beinecke Bang

The mail center is good for one thing, and one thing only: stuffing boxes.



Racquetball Raunch

Check out this COC-tested method of getting off - no one can see you in you lean against the back wall... at least, we don't think so. So bang those balls against the wall and sweat it out.



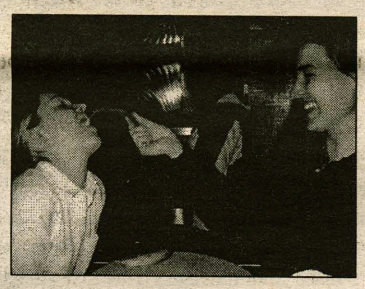
The Café Opus Crawl

If you think that Opus was designed to promote the happiness of the intellectual community on campus, then you are sorely mistaken. Café Opus, with its soft couches and languid music, is about nothing more than sex (is anything, really?).

The Cold and the Restless

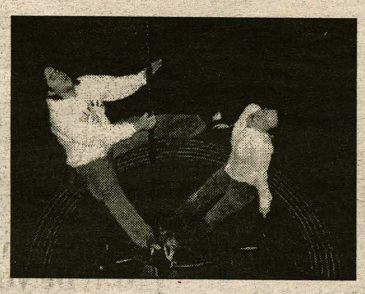
Who says Minor Field has to be off limits just because it's ten below? If you go at it with everything you've got (and use your Uggs for something more than a passé fashion statement), you're bound to stay warm.

*Come on Clinton is not responsible for frost-bitten genitals.



Chicken Fingers for a Whaaat?

Think your milkshake brings all the boys to the yard? Think again. Hamiltonians are flocking to the Howard Diner for their sugar, using all sorts of food as props.

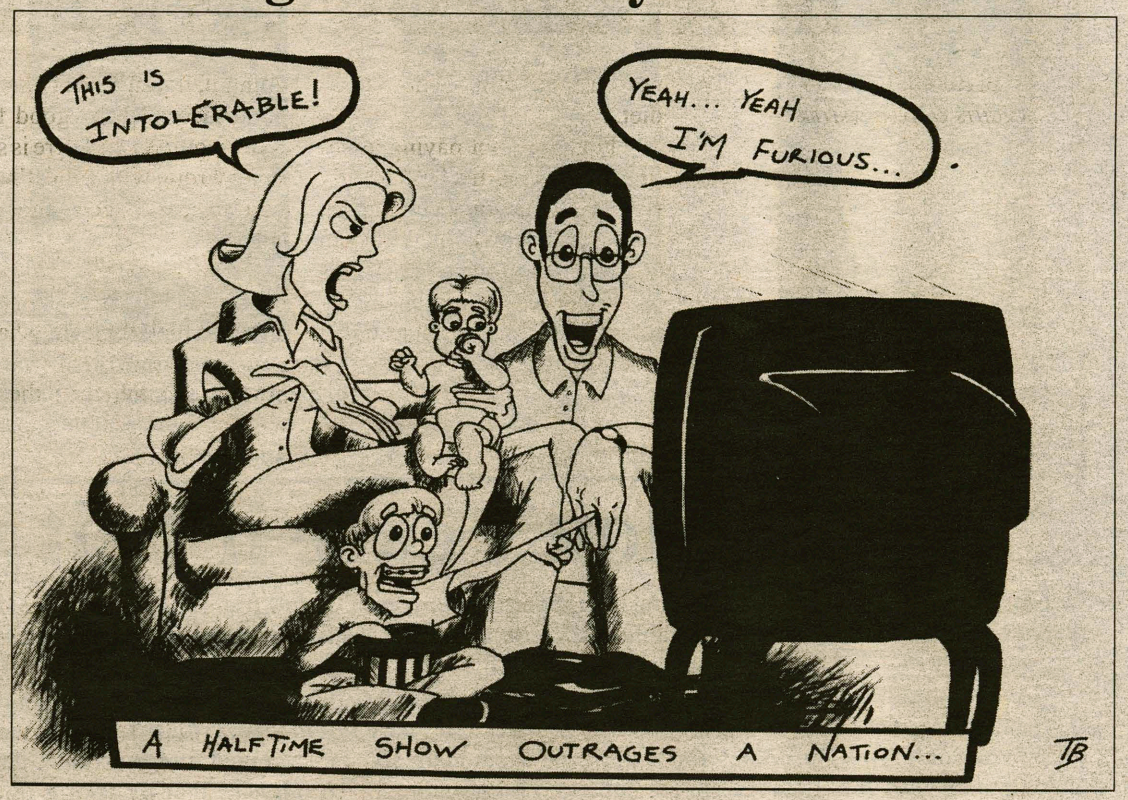


Swingers

Since the food at McEwen is a turn off, better use that big, hard rock downstairs to turn you back on. The rock swing is there for your enjoyment, so enjoy it.

This concludes our special edition of Come on Clinton and we hope you've come away enlightened, aroused, and ready to apply what you've learned. Remember, you've got Phallix and Klitora behind you, sometimes under you.

Drawing Criticism: by Tom Booth '06



No Straw Men: The Pious Politics of Bush

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site living within her.[1]

Indeed, Bush likes to preach publicly about "the vital place of faith in the life of our nation;" hence, his Executive Order mandating "faith-based" initiatives. As he explains: "No government policy can put hope in people's hearts or a sense of purpose in people's lives. That is done when someone, some good soul, puts an arm around a neighbor and says, 'God loves you, and I love you, and you can count on us both.'" To wit, Bush has government bankrolling religious charities because they propagate religion.

But these "armies of compassion" untenably violate the First Amendment, which declares that government "shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." The same amendment also says that government "shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech" - the very freedom these "faith-based" initiatives violate, as they force taxpayers who oppose them to nonetheless finance them.

Yet given the fervor of such evangelicalism, it is no surprise that Bush's "charge to keep," as the title his autobiography reads, infects a crucial scientific field. According to the pertinent act, his administration "unequivocally... oppose[s]" human cloning, whether for stem-cell research or genetic engineering.

Again, Bush's reasons are entirely religious; he scorns the sin of man "playing God." On this premise, of course, a scientist cannot proceed until he appeases the whims of Darwin-rejecting theologians. On this premise, we would not have anesthesia, smallpox inoculations, heart transplants, in vitro fertilization - even contraception. This worldview amounts to the medieval axiom that science functions only by permission of religion. Remember Galileo?

And yet in founding America, our deistic Fathers understood the threat posed by mixing religious dogma with political science. Unlike Bush, they saw man not as an obedient servant, but as a sovereign individual, whom government should leave free to follow the conclusions of his own reasoning mind. Thus, they constitutionally relegated religion to purely private affairs. Moreover, it was precisely to prevent such Bush-like religionists from enforcing their zealotry upon the people, that Article 4, Section 3 of the Constitution prohibits religious tests "as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States."

Further, under freedom, the principle is not to ban everything, then debate exceptions. Rather, government cannot ban anything except acts that violate individual rights. Whose rights does cloning violate? Microscopic bits of protoplasm the width of a human hair, research on which could enable infertile couples to conceive and to avoid transmitting countless genetic diseases to their children. Still, what moves Bush is not real people, but divinely inspired protoplasm.

Unfortunately, God doesn't stop here, for domestic policy prefigures foreign policy. Thus, despite consistent and powerful evidence to the contrary, Bush adamantly refuses to identify militant Islam as an enemy. Hence, ours is a war against "terrorism," a form of violence, not ideological opponents intent on killing Westerners.

Why the equivocation? As a "born-again" Christian, Bush shares the Islamists' deepest premises, like supernaturalism, prayer over reason, and self-sacrifice. As the Republican law professor David Forte has argued regarding 9/11, "Nothing this evil could be religious." After all, Islam - like all faiths - must be a "religion of peace," as Bush insists.

Such appeasement, however, is deadly. It cost Americans our time, as Bush suspended our Afghanistan bombing on Fridays, the Muslim Sabbath. It cost Americans our might, as Bush forbid bombing mosques, which the Hussein régime then used as refuges. And it cost Americans our focus, as we conducted both wars obsessed with the opinion of Muslims. Indeed, that our President is steadily tearing down our wall of religious separation - especially when America is at World War 4[2] with religious terrorists supported by religious régimes - is morally obscene.

We cannot fight Islamic theocracy with Christian theocracy. At his best, President Bush possess a religiously driven, gut-level, pro-American outlook, a belief that this country is great and deserves to be defended. Part of this cowboy attitude are the virtues of courage and independence, the moral clarity to brand our enemies an "axis of evil."

Yet, due to its inherently authoritarian nature, faith cannot sustain freedom. In fact, religion, namely, the religious right that Bush represents and further smuggles into American politics, threatens freedom.

[1] I applaud the newly formed club, VOX, for its activism on behalf of a woman's right to her body, but I wish that instead of attacking Bush, they would attack the anti-abortion position. To focus on the president is to miss the forest for the trees. Abortion concerns rights, not religionists or Republicans or even Democrats.

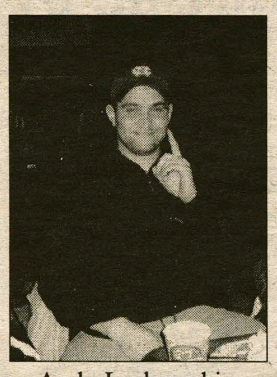
[2] The "Cold" War was in fact World War 3, and the war on terror is as global, as varied, and as important as the prior world wars.

Hamilton Uncensored: Considering the impending blizzard this weekend, what are you going to do to keep warm?

Compiled by Sarah Mattingly '05

I'm going to shack up with my OL.

- Amanda Merrow '07

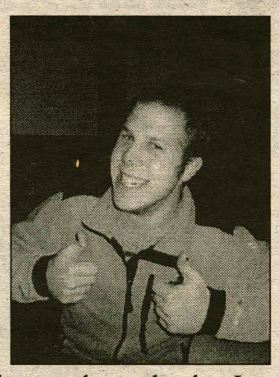


Andy Laskowski...

- Elliot Altberg '05

Hang out at the Bristol Pool. (Meet against RPI. Saturday at 2 P.M.)

- Ryan Connor '05



I'll masturbate a lot, but I would have done that anyway.

- Gabe Tash '06

I'm going snowboarding because it will give me my O face.

- Marian Lyman '06

I really don't care if I sit with the cool kids

by Matthew Zeller '04
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

...That's right, I don't care if you are cool or not. Nor do I care if you don't think I'm cool enough to sit with you. In fact, if you've got some opinion of me, some judgement, some personal insight, my advice to you is you're wasting your time – I just don't care.

I've spent the first of my three years here trying to "fit in" and "be accepted" by my fellow peers. In that time, I developed an amazing core group of friends (I should note that never once did I feel I needed to prove my acceptance; they accepted me from the start), but oftentimes I found myself concerned.

Like the article in last week's Spec by Mr. Chenevert, I would find myself really uncomfortable in such extremely social places as Commons. True to his insight, Commons can be an awkward place if one does feel that they are accepted by the Hamilton Community at large.

While Mr. Chenevert's article advocated a community-wide change in perceptions and outgoingness, I would advocate something different - stop caring. Stop caring whether or not that group of sorority sisters thinks you're cool. Stop caring if you got invited to that fraternity's party. And stop feeling so awkward and uncomfortable when you walk into a party or dining hall.

How does one do this, you might ask? Simple: only care about how you view yourself. In the end, your opinion ought to be the only one that matters. Think about it, if you stop caring what others think about you, if their opinions are simply of no value, what are you limited from doing (within legal limits... don't get too creative)?

You could, for starters, sit down at any table in any dining hall and strike up a conversation with any group of people. So what if they didn't look too welcoming when you first arrived? So what if they are all members of that society that everyone thinks is really cool, but have also never given you the time of day? None of that matters.

My first three years here, I cared, and while mostly happy, I never felt comfortable - a fact I attribute to the fact that I never felt people judged me as generally accepted. Then my senior year came along, and suddenly I was happier. No, it wasn't because I was almost out of this place, nor was it because my sex life went into hyper-drive.

Rather, I found myself not caring - and I was infinitely happier for it. Too often I had judged (consciously or unconsciously) my self-worth on the opinions of others. If people didn't join me as I ate alone, if I didn't get that invite to a party I really wanted, or if there were no friendly faces inviting me to join them at dinner, I felt alone, unaccepted, and miserable. The result was that by taking into regard the opinions of others I was limiting my self-growth.

Try thinking about it in the following way: Imagine yourself standing inside a box. The box is only drawn around you (it has no ceiling or walls, just borders). That box is your comfort zone. Within that box are all the activities and expressions that you are most comfortable doing (at almost any given time).

Outside of the box are all the activities and expressions you are least comfortable doing (the severity of which increases as one moves further outside the box). The only way to grow as a person is to expand the borders of the box - i.e. do things that are going to make you uncomfortable (at first).

For example, if you become weak in the knees and nervous in the stomach by the thought of approaching a random group of strangers in Commons and joining them for a meal, rather than back down, do it. The more times you do it, the less nervous you'll be each time. Eventually, it may even feel comfortable to you - your comfort zone has expanded.
Moreover, you'll probably interact with a plethora of people you never imagined you would ever talk to - they might even become good friends of yours. Note that if you aren't successful the first few times around, don't worry, not every outgoing experience will be the same. As long as you remain positive, however, positive things are bound to happen.

Thus, my advice is this: be outgoing, expand your comfort zone by doing things that normally you'd be too afraid to do, and only care about the one opinion that truly matters - yours.

Can't we all collaborate?

by R. Andre Chapman
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

What people should be seeking here on the "infamous campus" of Hamilton College is more mixed collaborations between mainly white organizations and black or minority organizations. Even the Rainbow Alliance does not get much support because of the prima facie stigma it has. I think there is not enough of this much-needed source of teamwork here on a campus that allegedly embraces diversity.

I am not writing to insult or shun the institution of Hamilton College. I'll have you know I am a very proud student of Hamilton College, and I will not let that abate my desire for a better Hamilton. To make a change here on campus in a positive way is my unyielding aspiration.

I am a proud member of Brothers, the Black Student Union (BSU), and the West Indian and African Association (WIAA). I am adamant in promoting these groups in the utmost manner. I require help from other groups, particularly from those that I am not involved in promoting. The chief goal of this would be to bring teamwork to another level, a level that surpasses the race taxonomy. In other words we need to "un-clump."

I have witnessed numerous collaborations between the Brothers and BSU, and between BSU and WIAA. There is no problem with this. The problem is that I have seen these collaborations all too often. Although there is, I believe, a dichotomy that hinders the future performance of these great organizations, that dichotomy can be dissolved if we work together.

Now, some of us may ask "What if these organizations are fine and do not want, or furthermore, need the help of other organizations?" There are many problems in this question alone. There should be no question raised as to what these organizations want; well, at least not all the time. What people should be continually asking is what would be best for the groups. I think it is safe to say that diversity is not only a need here, but in the world as well.

There is a fork in the road that we, as Hamilton College students, are traveling on. Veering to the left is the road of deceit, which leads us to a ubiquitous segregation. I would encourage all Hamilton students to go down the road veering to the right. This road is the one that will lead us to embrace diversity at an extent that is unfathomable right now.

This diversity has not been achieved because most people continue to work in their own segregated groups, and are content with this. They are oblivious to the current problem. These people have no desire to speak up and say, "Hey, what about them, why don't we do something with them?"

Groups are powerful, but individuals are even more powerful when they have something they want accomplished. The group can and should be used appropriately so that the individual can achieve his or her goals. Once these completely different groups are able to come together and work towards a common goal, we will be truly successful in creating diversity.

Letters to the Editor (continued)

To the Editor:

Thinking about ideas is our primary activity on an undergraduate campus, and I'm pleased to see students learning about and questioning things they hear. But the column on the Science & Technology page last week veered off-course by presenting a non-science idea in the guise of scientific questioning. The author described interference coloration as being irreducibly complex and thus not subject to evolutionary development.

I have two observations. First, the argument of irreducible complexity is a sloppy argument that comes from outside the realm of science. A proponent states, in essence, "I don't understand how this can be; therefore, no one will ever understand how it can be." Michael Behe and other creationists responsible for this view show remarkable arrogance. Similar statements have been made repeatedly in the past (e.g., about eyes and feathers) and always shown to be wrong.

Second, the column includes some misunderstandings of the process of natural selection, a fundamental mechanism for the changes that have taken place among living organisms (one example is the misleading claim that "evolution works by changing one parameter at a time.") One should understand a little better how natural selection actually works before deciding whether or not it can produce a given outcome.

Iridescence is a fascinating phenomenon, as is the function of a peacock's tail. I hope anyone interested pursues subjects like these with thoughtful and honest inquisitiveness.

Ernest Williams,
Department of Biology

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

This week the American media has become fixated on super bowl "entertainment" that included Justin Timberlake publicly exposing Janet Jackson's breast. On news shows across the nation the self-appointed "moral vanguard" argues that the sight of Jackson's breast was "obscene" causing trauma to family viewers, while others counter that as a "liberated woman...Jackson had every right to bare her breast." Indeed, this morning (3 Feb) Jackson publicly apologized for her "offense" and "any harm" she may have caused.

Both camps sadly-and dangerously— miss the point. The Super bowl entertainment was obscene and dangerous; not because we were exposed to Ms. Jackson's breast, but because we watched and cheered as a man ripped a part of the blouse off of a woman; specifically (reminiscent of both historical and contemporary practice) a white man ripped the blouse off of a young black women, exposing, objectifying and comodifying her body to the apparent delight of millions of Americans. This terrible scene both represents and perpetuates the rampant racism and misogyny that continue to plague our nation.

Professor Vivyan Adair
Women's Studies Program
Director, The ACCESS Project
at Hamilton College

To the Editor:

In response to Blake Erb's unimaginative attack on alcohol use in our community ("Stop boozing, start talking,") I would like remind those with similar concerns (namely, all of us) to avoid the pitfalls of blaming our woes on the lack of non-alcohol related activities on campus.

Blake - you are correct in pointing out the multiplicity of organizations available to Jill and John Q. Hamilton, but you make the mistake of concluding that these organizations fail to captivate enough attention to prevent the destruction of Milbank every Friday night. Mutual respect for the property of others prevents me from relocating Martin's Way artwork into the Root Glen while wandering home from the Pub. No quantity of Yo la Tengo concerts or Saturday night showings of Freddy vs. Jason can breed that respect.

Furthermore, I am frightened by your insensitivity toward the idea of cultivating a safe and socially healthy environment for Hamilton students to drink in. You seem more preoccupied with producing alcohol survey statistics that translate into nicer looking pie graphs and comparative charts.

When you take a more accurate view of the situation, it becomes rather clear that 45% or 65% or 1250% of the student population drinking in a wholesome social environment leads to less trouble than freshmen drinking alone in the dark corners of their Kirkland quads.

If you are honestly concerned about negative consequences stemming from alcohol abuse such as property damage and sexual harassment, then you will abandon your hackneyed rhetoric and push for a social policy that takes into account some of the undeniable truths relating to life on the Hill. I will stand beside you to lobby the college for a new student center or a climbing wall, but I will do it in hopes of creating a healthier (and more fun) environment, not with intention of driving kids into makeshift speakeasies.

- Brian Alward '04

To the Editor:

Blamed for everything from alcohol abuse to hermitage, the perceived lack of social options on the Hill is the black sheep for Hamilton's shortcomings. While 71% of seniors in a recent pole said they were "satisfied" with the social life at Hamilton, those who remain on the Hill will find that the "nothing to do" mantra still rings clear.

Of course, nothing could be further from the truth. Student run groups provide a variety of student activities as, if not more, diverse than the student body. CAB brings live entertainment in a wide array of venues. The Capoeira club allows students of all ability levels to participate in the Brazilian dance/martial art. Performance groups including four acappella groups, two comedy troops, a dance team, and a theatrical group, provide entertainment to the community, usually at no charge.

If performance isn't your thing, we also have political and religious organizations, a debate team, cultural societies, a film society, and even a finance club. We even have organizations, such as HAVOC, whose members devote their time to making this region a better place to live.

Why, you ask, am I extolling all of the virtues of the student run activities? Well, our Student Assembly is currently considering a plan to make all members of clubs and organizations which receive funding from the College (which receives funds from our student activates fees) to participate in mandatory community service.

I am a full supporter of community service. Some of the most important and character building moments of my life have come as a result of community service. I have worked with the developmentally disabled, restored public lands and raised money for cancer research. This was a personal choice which I am very glad to have made and will certainly make again.

Nonetheless, the Student Assembly's push for mandatory community service by Student Assembly supported clubs will be a detriment to the community at large. Rather than encouraging students to get involved in extracurricular activities, we would be adding another barrier. The students worried about time commitments and school work would now have to make more of a commitment, and thus, be less likely to join.

Moreover, one would think that a community that is currently dealing with such a public alcohol problem on its campus would be removing the barriers to sober social alternatives rather than creating them.

Therefore, this is my heartfelt plea to Student Assembly. Do not make these time strapped students subservient to another arbitrary administrative directive and make this Hill a less interesting place to be.

- Ryan Burns '05

Dear Editor,

In my most recent article about Commons I mistakenly singled out the Delta Upsilon fraternity as a private society that has perpetuated the hostile dining environment. While I included the reference to DU as a personal experience, it was unnecessary to speak of private societies in general and then use only DU's name.

After receiving two well thought-out and well-written emails from DU brothers I have come to the conclusion that a letter to the editor expressing my apologies would be a worthwhile pursuit. I encourage readers to continue to give me feedback on my writing, positive and negative. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Bill Chenevert '05

To the Editor:

I would like to extend praise and appreciation to the Spectator staff and to the Alcohol Coalition for their very thorough look at drinking problems on The Hill (1/30/2004). I did summer work as a research assistant for an adolescent substance abuse study and have a personal interest in this type of research.

The data in the Spectator reveals some truly disturbing statistics about alcohol use here at Hamilton. I am encouraged by the fact that we students recognize the extent of the problem and along with the Coalition desire to change those numbers.

I do, however, have a few concerns that I would like to voice. In Daniel Bleeker's article ("Kazin announces results of Hamilton survey on alcohol" 1/30/2004), Dean Thompson's email interview says that the Coalition is working to "reduce the negative effects of alcohol and drug use on campus and in the local community." In addition, Elizabeth Dolan is quoted as saying that the goal of the Coalition is to "achieve something resembling the norm."

I would like to boldly challenge the campus community that while those may be valid as short-term objectives they are not acceptable final goals. As the research noted in the Spectator shows us, the national "norm" is that 29% of college students have gotten into a fight while intoxicated, 36% have done something they regret, 5.8% have experienced unwanted sexual touching and 3.3% have experienced unwanted sexual intercourse. Other studies show that 31% of college students nationwide meet the criteria necessary to be diagnosed with alcohol abuse and that 6% meet criteria to be diagnosed with dependence. [1]

Additionally, the same study reports that "students from heavy drinking college environments were more likely to have abuse and dependence diagnoses" [1]. I would claim that if our objective is to merely reduce the negative effects of alcohol or to bring us to the level of the norm, our goal is not bold enough. Instead of shooting for mediocre goals, we should desire to be better than the national norm.

O.U.R. has hit the nail right on the head. In the petition published in the Spectator (1/30/04), they say that "vandalism, sexual assault, and violence must be eliminated" - not merely reduced. How is that accomplished? By taking the initiative as students to change this campus for the better. This must start with personal responsibility. If we fail to take the personal responsibility of checking our own actions, the administration will be forced to implement stricter deterrence policies.

Studies have shown that increased policies and policy enforcement on college campuses do work in reducing underage and heavy drinking on campuses [2, 3]. We all know that as students we do not want to have stricter policies and regulations enforced. Yet, if we continue in our present state, that may be the only option left. Therefore, I entreat my peers to sign O.U.R.'s petition, attend the Adler Conference, and take the personal initiative to change this campus for the better.

Sincerely,
Matthew Van Hook '06

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Features

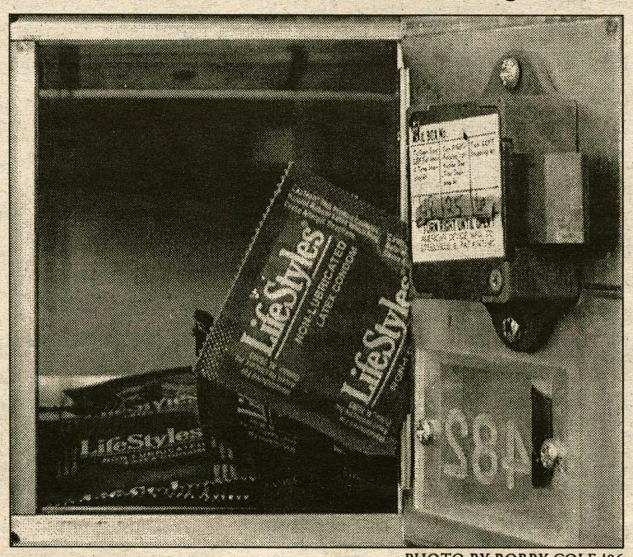
VOX asserts presence on campus, informs students about Planned Parenthood

by Jon Kuhl '06
FEATURES EDITOR

As students opened their mailboxes on Monday, they were greeted with a small brown paper bag filled with a condom and information about Planned Parenthood and Vox. Vox, which in Latin means voice, is a student run organization which is associated with Planned Parenthood.

According to Planned Parenthood, Vox is "part of the 'Planned Parenthood Responsible Choices Action Agenda,' a proactive advocacy and service initiative to expand and secure reproductive rights into the next century." Working to educate students about their reproductive health, Hamilton's chapter of Vox planned Monday's event in order to further this goal.

Although discovering what flavor condom people received may have dominated the discussion about the bags, there was a larger purpose behind the event. Vox Publicity Chair Catherine Klein '04, explains, "Monday's distribution and table intended to provide Hamilton students with information about reproductive health, encourage safe sex, and promote support for reproductive freedom. The items in the bags, the condom, life saver, information about access to birth control, and invitation to Vox meetings directly spoke to these goals."



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Given the opportunity to discard the bags, students who felt uncomfortable were not forced to review the information provided by Planned Parenthood. "I agree with the motivation. However, the actual placement of condoms in mailboxes was an excessive gesture. We all know we can get condoms from the Health Center. I agree with a lot of the things Planned Parenthood does, but I'm pro-life," said Stephanie Higgins '04.

Responding to the campus' general reaction, Klein stated, "Students appreciated the condoms and were generally interested in the information at the table. The bulk of the students who stopped to speak with us had heard before of the organization and were interested in learning more."

Klein went on to discuss Hamilton's interest in the topic as related to politics, saying that, "The most popular item on the table was the document that provided the positions of the Democratic presidential hopeful's on reproductive health."

Although the group is often associated with women, Vox Secretary Lindsay Randolph '04 noted, "I think it is important that we stress that Vox is not a group strictly for women. It was great to see men supporting our cause."

Future events for Vox, include a Pro-Choice march in Washington on April 25th, and a Kirkland Project Brown Bag Lunch with a Planned Parenthood representative.

Student Assembly class notes

CLASS OF 2007
President: Hilary Gamble
The Classes of 2007 and 2006 will be sponsoring Open Skating in the Sage Rink on February 9th, from 8pm-11pm as a part of FebFest.

CLASS OF 2006
President: Alex Kaufman
The Class of 2006 is extremely excited about their Iron Chef competition in McEwen coming up on February 20th. The Asian Cultural Society will be competing against the Culinary Society. The judging panel will consist of a group of all-star judges. Along with the competition there will be a huge raffle and free buffet.

CLASS OF 2005
President: Greer Mahoney
The Class of 2005 will be sponsoring the Powder Puff Football Game on February 13th at 4 pm as a part of FebFest.

CLASS OF 2004
President: Jessica Weaver
The Class of '04 had a successful Faculty/Student Happy Hour in the Pub. Hopefully the next event will involve more mingling among students, faculty and staff. On February 12th, the Class of 2004 will be sponsoring Karaoke in the Pub and a chocolate tasting on February 13th, all as a part of FebFest. On February 19th, there will be a hard alcohol night in the Pub. We urge you to send in movie suggestions for Senior Week to Kristin Merriman (kmerrima@hamilton.edu.)

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3 Items	7.75	11.95
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Small = 8 pieces Large = 16 pieces

Items
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Sophomore Seminar looks at multiple perspectives on food

by Kim Payne '04
FEATURES CONTRIBUTER

For the majority of us, when we were a freshman, the only classes that we really wanted to take were the senior seminars; they looked so interesting! Now that we're upperclassmen, and we're blocked out of everything but 400 level classes that we're already sick of, we look longingly at the sophomore seminars only to wish we were sophomores again. There are those of us who might consider giving up our cushy pad in DU for a closet in Bundyland if only we got to take classes that preached sexual revolution or an entire semester dedicated to foods and fads.

This semester, professors Carol Drogus, David Gapp, Naomi Guttman, and Shoshana Keller are offering a sophomore seminar entitled: Food for Thought: the Science, Culture and Politics of Food. Essentially, the course covers all aspects of food and it is unique to this campus because it is not confined to one department but "is an interdisciplinary look at food from perspectives of political science, history, creative writing or biology".

As noted in the course description, the course is divided into four sections: "biology digestion, historical ideas of nutrition; politics of food pyramid; [and] eating disorders" and while each section is assigned the same texts, one section might focus more on the literary aspects of food as opposed to its biological or historical elements, depending on the professor.

Shoshana Keller, a professor of Russian studies in the history department, leads one of the sections within the Food for Thought seminar. While it is inevitable that Keller's section leans more toward the historical aspects of food, the goal is to keep the course as interdisciplinary as possible and that, Keller claims, is what makes the seminar a challenging course to teach. She laughs as she says, "I mean, I had to learn from Naomi Guttman how to write a poem!"

Although the course meets like an ordinary Tuesday/Thursday class, in order to maintain its cohesiveness within the various disciplines, there are round table meetings held where all four sections meet and three students from each section lead the discussion. At the end of the semester, the students will present, to the public, a meal which they have researched and prepared. As Keller explained, "if I have a student who wants to make potato soup, for example, he will then discuss the history of the potato".

This course is exemplary of exactly that in which Hamilton prides itself: a liberal and well-rounded education. And, if you're lucky enough to have the opportunity to take this course, or a similar one, you should do so; you'll no doubt enjoy it. But, for those of us who are beyond our sophomore years, we might just have to show up to the presentation, eat soup and pretend we've been there all along.

It doesn't deliver, but Tex Mex is still the best around

by Andy Basco '04
FEATURES CONTRIBUTER

I am writing this column to try and give more options for your dining pleasure. Many people do not get out of Clinton itself and therefore miss the great restaurants that lie just a bit further away from Hamilton. This will be a monthly trip into a local restaurant of which I have frequented.

One of my favorite restaurants in Central New York is Rio Grande Tex Mex. When I am away from this area of the country, I find myself craving this fantastic Tex Mex fare. It is located in Washington Mills, about a 15-minute drive from campus. The dress is very casual. They take credit cards and cash, if you can believe that.

When you first enter the restaurant you feel like you have gone to a Mexican party and someone is about to hit a piñata. Then you look at the menu and become suddenly confused about what you want to eat. You order at the counter but they have a wait staff that brings you your food when it is ready.

The food is simply incredible. In my opinion you can not find better Tex Mex anywhere in the country. There are those who say that you cannot go there without ordering the Upstate Cheese Dip. Although I disagree, it is a very good dip. Most everything on the menu is a great value for its price. Unlike chain restaurants like Taco Bell, Rio Grande puts tons of meat in all of its dishes.

Personally, I recommend any of the combination dishes. When you order a taco or enchilada plate you get 3 of either, plus a side of refried beans and Mexican rice. I would also recommend quesadillas as an appetizer.

Another incredible feature of this place is the Chip and Salsa bar. Rio Grande makes its own chips and salsa daily and they are both amazing. You can take as many as you like but don't take too much because your food will be at your table before you know it.

The drink selection is also unique to the upstate area. Rio Grande has a good selection of Mexican beers: Dos Equis, Corona, Pacifico, Sol, and other great beers to choose from. And of course, if you are looking for water or soda, they have a soda fountain with free refills.

After dinner some people are confused if they have to leave a tip or not. Although you do place your order at the counter I think it has become customary to leave a dollar per person at the table. This way you feel good and so does the wait staff.

The price range at Rio Grande varies anywhere from $7-$15 depending on the appetizer and if you are having a beer or two. But it is very easy to get out the door with only spending $8 and being totally full.

A crowd at Rio Grande used to be about 15 people sitting down at one time. The last few times I have been, there were about 45 people in the little place. This tiny restaurant has certainly become a hit for many people from around the area as well as Hamilton students. Although there was a rumor that they deliver to Hamilton College, that rumor is false. Such a rumor probably started because people cannot resist going back after their first visit. Unfortunately, it is too far a distance for such a little restaurant to deliver.

Go down the hill and follow 12BN (Utica Street) past the Nice and Easy. About 1/3 of a mile past the Nice and Easy make a right onto Brimfield Street. Follow that all the way to route 12S. Make a right onto route 12S and then your next left onto Tibbitts Street. At the second stop sign make a right onto Kellogg St. At the 4th light (MacDonald?s on the corner) make a right onto Oneida Street. It is about 10 seconds on your right. Don?t go on Sunday or it will be closed.

In the words of Greg Moschella, Rio Grande Tex Mex is "QUALITY."

THIS WEEK IN HAMILTON HISTORY

11 YEARS AGO
February 8, 1993

Another look at how far Hamilton hasn't come...

The new alcohol policy is one semester old and raising a lot of questions throughout the campus community. Even though the Health Center reports an increase in the amount of alcohol related cases last semester, the Administration urges patience.

Associate Dean of Students Nancy Thompson said the new alcohol policy is "still very much in transition."

According to Thompson, the policy has been successful in reducing the number of parties in residence halls. "One of the things we wanted to do was reduce the number of large parties in residence halls. There have been fewer cases of that this year than last," she said. "I'm talking specifically about large parties where security had to be called... definitely fewer parties where security had to intervene."

In spite of Thompson's optimism, Health Center Medical Director Andrea Brand, M.D., reported that "the number of alcohol related visits this year as opposed to previous years has increased three-fold." Thompson was unavailable for a response.

CAPE chair Cheryl Premdass '94 blamed the rise in alcohol-related cases on students rebelling against the new policy.

31 YEARS AGO
February 2, 1973

Student Shoplifters Risk Criminal Action

Two Hamilton men have begun a campaign to discourage shoplifting by Hamilton and Kirkland students in area stores. They have distributed a series of about eighty posters stressing the perils of petty larceny and a leaflet containing a direct plea for an end to stealing by students.

Senior Pat Zaiden is directing the effort, which is a response to a wave of arrests of students caught shoplifting, particularly from the Warehouse Market in New Hartford.

The firm, which has reportedly undergone heavy losses through thefts recently, hired a security force and, in January, apprehended 14 students from Hamilton and Kirkland alone.

According to Zaiden, neither merchants nor judges in the Clinton-Utica area are inclined to be lenient with thieves. Although some students, known to be first offenders, may be given reduced charges of "disorderly conduct" and fined around $25, others thought to be repeaters, may be charged with petty larceny, a misdemeanor, and sentenced to fines of up to $1000 and to as much as a year in jail.

25 YEARS AGO
February 6, 1979

Excerpted from an editorial written in February, 1979.

What's the Rush?

The Frats fooled us yesterday. Amid expectations of a dramatic slump which would cause irreperable damage to to the fraternity structure, rushing proved successful with only 31 less pledges than last year. Critics of the frat system must wait another year.

But what's the rush? Is Hamilton really ready for the abolition of the Fraternity on the Hill? Not at all. In fact, the administration here is hardly prepared to take on the tremendous task of providing a social life to a 1600 head student body. The fraternities have offered to many students, members as well as independents, an alternative social event. Some take advantage of it and some don't. But, the choice is there.

There are definitely problems with houseparties and fraternities in general. But, the solution is not to automatically abolish the houses. There must be a better way. The consequences of the disappearance of the frat here would be far worse than the benefits. Let us work with the houses to make this college a better place, not against them.

And anyway, when you stand in a corner of some hot and smelly frat basement this weekend, listening to loud music and griping about what a drag houseparties and frats are, think about who's paying for the unlimited drinks and dancing.

Babbitt everlasting: author of *Tuck Everlasting* returns to the Hill, reads selections from new book

by Daniel A. Bleeker '06
SPECIAL PROJECTS EDITOR

Making her way through a flock of admiring fans and autograph-seeking children, noted author Natalie Babbitt returned home to Hamilton College on Thursday, February 5, for a book reading and signing in the Bristol Campus Center's Dwight lounge. Perhaps most famous for her classic 1975 children's book, *Tuck Everlasting,* Babbitt chose to read from a new, unfinished work of short stories and adventurous tales.

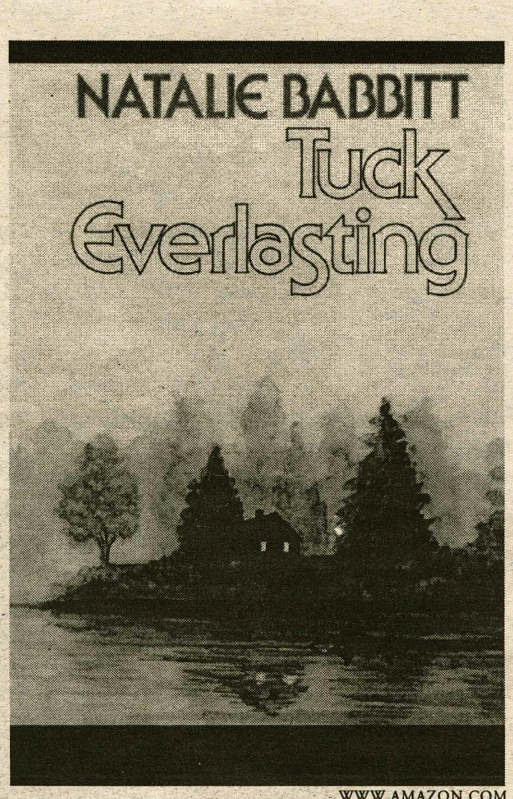
The wife of former Kirkland College president and residence hall namesake Samuel Babbitt, Natalie Babbitt spent many of her most productive years on the Hill. "Being back feels very natural to me," Babbitt said in an interview following her reading. "It's really like coming home. I have very happy memories here."

Babbitt began her reading by poking fun at her most beloved success, recently made into a live-action film by Walt Disney. "I'm sure most of you want to hear something from *Tuck Everlasting*," Babbitt teased, "but in all honesty I'm a little sick of it." Instead, Babbitt chose to share some new characters with the audience, pirate Jack Plank and his band of assorted friends.

Set in a wide-ranging land of enchanted forests and rollicking, rolling seas, and populated by talking trolls, an anthropomorphic octopus and swashbuckling captains, Babbitt's tales were infused with the same sense of spirit and wonder that serves as her calling card to readers the world over. Judging by the enthralled look on the faces of many of the younger members of the audience, it seems as though Babbitt's gift for storytelling remains as strong as ever.

Hamilton, or at least its surrounding area, played a major role in the development and implementation of that remarkable gift. In fact, the setting for *Tuck Everlasting* was inspired directly by a country house and pond that the Babbitts owned during their time on the Hill. Located in Forest Point, the home served as something of a retreat from the hectic pace of life at a fledgling institution like Kirkland.

Speaking of Kirkland, Babbitt sighted the demise of the college as one of her most painful memories of her time at Hamilton. "When Kirkland got swallowed up, it was very painful. It wasn't Hamilton's fault, but the people in charge at the time. That wouldn't happen today. But I am very happy to see how successful Hamilton has become as a coed institution."



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Published in 1975, *Tuck Everlasting* continues to be a childrens' favorite.

On a more positive note, Babbitt also spoke about the hundreds of students she had the pleasure of teaching during her years here. One, Steven Krensky, has become a popular children's author himself, penning such notable works as *The Pizza Book,* an illustrated tutorial on one of our nation's most popular foods.

For an author, choosing a favorite book is often compared to choosing a favorite child: it's just not something they're able to do. It was surprising, then, when Babbitt was quickly able to name her two favorite books amongst the dozens she has written.

The first, *Nathan Goody Hall,* is not one of her most popular titles. "Kids don't really enjoy it, but I think it's funny." According to Kirkus reviews, the book features "a young hero hired as tutor in an isolated house; an empty tomb, a séance, and a statue filled with stolen jewels; a double glimpsed in a night garden; and a bang-up Victorian happy ending. Another delicious blend of style, wit, and adventure."

The second, *Herbert Rowbarge,* is a more obscure title, and the only book Babbitt has written expressly for adults. According to Ingram Reviews, the currently out of print novel "relates the history of a self-made man, his dreams, achievements, peculiarities, and his relationships with his twin daughters and others in the small circle of friends and relatives around him."

Whatever Natalie Babbitt considers favorite book, she will always be considered one of Hamilton's favorite authors. It was a pleasure to welcome her back to the Hill, and our hearts, during this very special visit.

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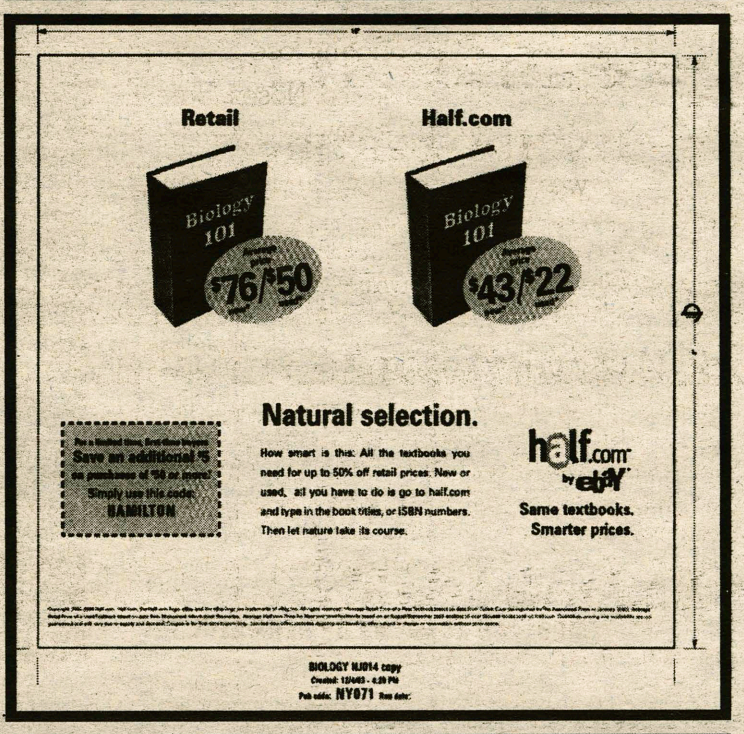
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From Puerto Rico to London to Clinton: Carlos Yordan brings wealth of experience to Hill

by Sarah Gould '05
FEATURES EDITOR

It doesn't take too long for Carlos Yordan, Visiting Assistant Professor of Government, to explain why he enjoys his job so much. While pursuing his BA in Puerto Rico and then transferring to American University to complete the degree, Yordan says, "I fell in love with politics and international relations." In the subsequent years, Yordan has actively proven himself in the field of government, garnering praise from the academic institutions at which he has worked and also the venues his writings have been published in.

Before coming to Hamilton in 2001, Yordan taught at the University of Maine while writing his Ph.D. dissertation. When Hamilton and Bucknell both responded with available positions, Yordan chose the former despite not knowing much about the college. "I had heard of Hamilton, but I didn't know Hamilton," he explains. Describing the department he would soon become a part of, Yordan said, "That's one of the things that attracted me to Hamilton - the Government Department is so strong."

After moving to the United States from his native Puerto Rico in 1994, Yordan received a B.A. in International Studies from American University two years later. In 1998, he received his M.A. from American in International Peace and Conflict Resolution. While pursuing his Ph.D. at the London School of Economics, Yordan taught at the London branch of American University. His years spent obtaining his Ph.D., though, were spent mainly on coursework and research in peacemaking efforts and conflict resolution. In November of 2000, his research took him to Bosnia to study the election system and related political structures. Speaking of the time he spent in the Balkans, Yordan said, "Imagine yourself being with people who don't know what democracy is."

From 1998 until 2000, Yordan lectured and taught at American University in Washington D.C. and at Husson College in Maine. In January of 2000, he took the position of Teaching Associate at the University of Maine in the Department of Political Science. After a year at the University, Yordan was offered the position at Hamilton. Yordan remarked that the difference in the caliber of student was very evident and that "the potential here is unbounded."

"From a cultural standpoint," Yordan explained of his first impressions, "Hamilton wasn't very diverse. That was a concern. And then 9/11 happened and the whole rhetoric changed." Echoing the sentiments of many other professors, Yordan noted that "the students are bright, too bright!" He asked himself, "How could I motivate students to work? I think a lot of the students could have been at Harvard or the Ivy Leagues. But you get a better education here."

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Visiting Assistant Professor of Government Carlos Yordan

Yordan places enormous emphasis on establishing personal relationships with his students. In his smaller, writing-intensive classes, he is able to "really work with the student." It is in the classes of 40 or more that Yordan finds difficulty in getting to know each one of his students. Still, one of his favorite classes is U.S. Foreign Policy, a typically larger class. "I try to treat my upper level classes as graduate courses," Yordan says. He uses these sections as opportunities to work one-on-one with students and adds that learning to analyze, write, and think in new ways "is a matter of building-blocks."

Before moving to Syracuse with his wife, Yordan lived in Clinton, where interaction with his students extended beyond the classroom. From time to time, Yordan would go to the Village Tavern, always leaving well before the influx of students. "They'll buy me a beer after they graduate. Not before," he explained.

When confronted with the question of his future plans, Yordan said, "Will I stay here after June, 2004? No, probably not." However, if offered the chance to stay another year, Yordan says he would. "I'm honored to have been here all this time. I'm not making any plans to stick around here, but it would be nice," he said. Right now, he is concentrating on "getting my name out there and getting Hamilton's name out there."

Currently, Yordan is also a Visiting Scholar in the Peace Studies Program at Cornell University, where he is researching a book manuscript and articles relating to peace-making processes and post-war reconstruction. He has applied the insight he gained in Bosnia to relevant political issues in Iraq. In addition to the numerous articles he has already published, Yordan has a forthcoming piece in the Middle East Review of International Affairs. His research and vast experience also permit Yordan to travel extensively; this week he's presenting findings in Ottawa, Canada.

During the little vacation time he finds, Yordan and his wife spend time visiting family across the United States and Puerto Rico. The couple is currently living in Syracuse, where, he admits, "the social life is better." He jokes that his wife was "always explaining to me that Sangertown wasn't a real mall."

At present, Yordan is teaching courses in Politics in Western Europe, War and Politics, and is supervising an independent study course.

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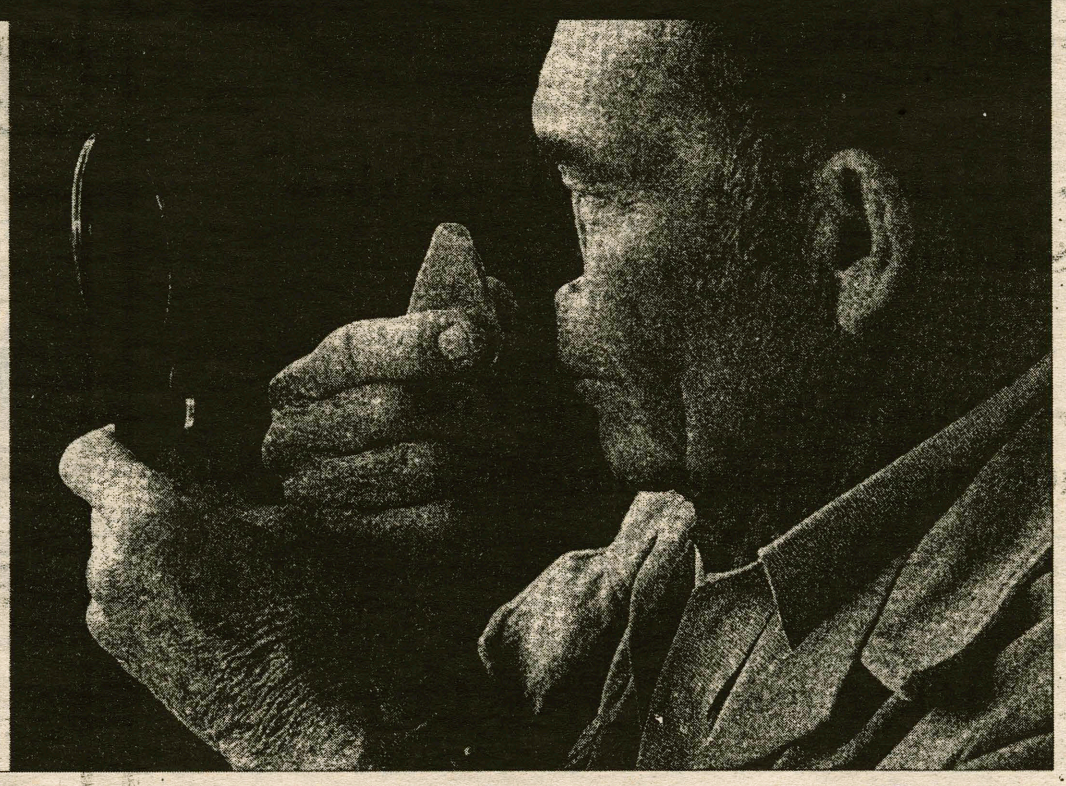

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Arts & Entertainment

Imani Winds to Perform at Hamilton College

Clinton, NY-The Hamilton College Performing Arts Series continues the Classical Connections Series with the Imani Winds woodwind quintet on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. at Wellin Hall in the Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts.

Featuring five outstanding musicians of African-American and Latin heritage, the members

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Come see Imani Winds next Saturday in Wellin.

of Imani Winds joined forces in 1996 to create an ensemble that would push the boundaries of a traditional wind quintet. Imani, literally "faith" in Swahili, is the embodiment of the ensemble's mission: bridging the European and African musical traditions, exploring repertoire from diverse cultural backgrounds, and reflecting upon their rich experience as classical musicians of color.

Their repetoire highlights their commitment to diversity. Featuring numerous works by African, Latin, and American composers, the players often add percussion and folk influences to the traditional wind quintet textures, taking their audiences on captivating journeys through divergent ethnic and musical identities.

Imani Winds' performances include their New York debut at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall and concerts at the Kennedy Center Millenium Stage, the Savannah Onstage International Music Festival, Market Square Concerts, Chicago Symphony Musicians Residency Program, Ravinia Festival, Maplemount Festival, Washington and Lee University, Ohio University, and the Fischoff Chamber Music Association. Imani Winds enjoyed their second international tour with eminent saxophonist Steve Coleman in the summer of 2001 and won the Artists International Annual New York Debut Prize and a position in the roster of Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center.

The Hamilton program will feature 20th-century repertoire for wind quintet by composers Astor Piazzolla and Alexander Zemlinsky as well as modern pieces by Guther Schuller, Tania Leon and Migel Del Aguila.

Tickets are $15 adult, $10 senior and $5 students. All seating is general admission. For tickets or more information, please contact the box office at 859-4331.

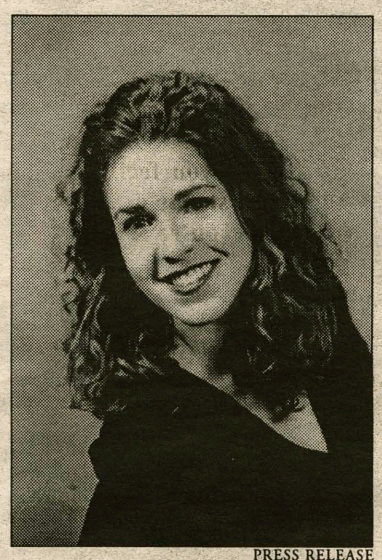
Music Department Presents Faculty Recital for Violin and Piano

Clinton, NY-The Hamilton College Department of Music presents a faculty recital for violin and piano featuring Sara Mastrangelo, violin; Jeremy Mastrangelo, violin; and Robert Auler, piano, on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. at Wellin Hall in the Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts. The concert is free and open to the public.

The program for this concert includes Beethoven's Sonata in D major, Eugene Ysaye's Sonata for Solo Violin, and Maurice Moszkowski's Suite in G minor, Opus 71 for Two Violins and Piano.

Sara Mastrangelo began her violin studies at age three, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She holds degrees in music from McGill University, the University of Michigan, and Carnegie-Mellon University. She is active as a soloist and chamber musician, performing regularly in Syracuse and Colorado, where she and her husband spend their summers at the Breckenridge Music Institute. She has performed at the Tanglewood Music Institute, the Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival in Germany, and the Banff Center for the Arts in Canada. Since 2001, Mastrangelo has been a member of the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra and has held the position of adjunct violin professor at Hamilton College.

A native of Syracuse, Jeremy Mastrangelo began studying the violin at age six. Since then he has been a finalist in the Julius Stulberg Competition and won top honors in the 1999 National Federation of Music Clubs Competition. Mastrangelo received his bachelor's degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music, studying



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Sara Mastrangelo will give a violin recital next Sunday in Wellin Hall.

with William Preucil, and earned his master's degree at the University of Michigan with Paul Kantor.

Returning to his hometown in September of 2001, he assumed the position of associate concertmaster with the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra. He has since soloed on numerous occasions with them. An avid chamber musician, Mastrangelo has worked closely with members of the Cleveland and Cavani string quartets, and collaborates regularly in chamber music concerts with his wife, Sara. Mr. Mastrangelo spends his summers as a member of the Breckenridge Music Institute Orchestra in Colorado, where he is the principal second violinist.

Robert Marshall Auler maintains an active national and international performing career. He has recently returned from a series of concerts throughout Venezuela, performing modern works of American and Venezuelan composers. As a winner of the Young Keyboard Artists' Association Piano Prize, Auler presented concerts throughout Germany, France, the Netherlands, and Denmark, receiving critical acclaim for his performance of Gershwin's Concerto in F. He has also performed recently in Detroit, Indianapolis, Louisville, Santa Barbara, Rochester, Greensboro, and on the Dame Myra Hess series in Chicago, with a live simulcast on Chicago's WFMT-FM radio. He is a keen advocate of new music, having worked with William Bolcom, Steve Reich, and Frederic Rzewski. Upcoming concerts include Texas, Baltimore, Cincinnati, New York City, a performance at the Music Teachers' National Convention in Kansas City, and a professional recording of all of the cello and piano works of William Bolcom. Auler was recently appointed assistant professor of piano at the State University of New York at Oswego.

This concert is free and open to the public. All seating is general admission and tickets are not required. For more information, call the performing arts box office at 859-4331.

BADASS MOVIE REVIEWS: *VERY BAD THINGS*

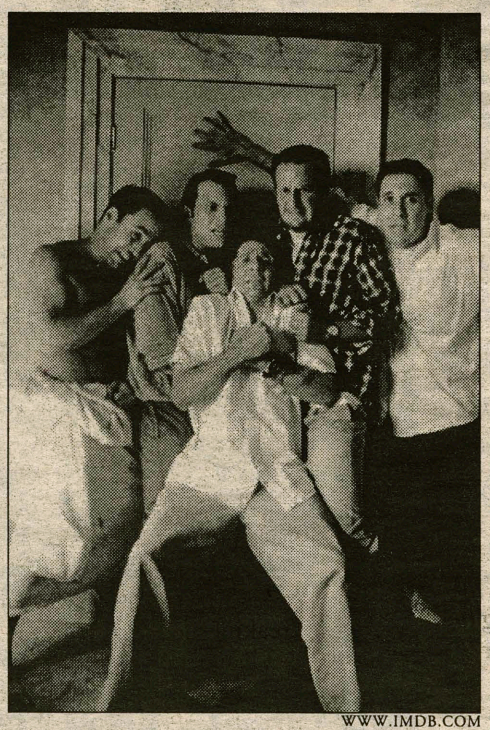
Tim Mudie '05 brings you a new edition of "the best written column in *The Spectator*"*

Ho. Ly. Crap. This movie is almost too badass. Perhaps it best serves as an example of what happens when life becomes too badass, when you just find yourself in a morass of badass, sinking ever deeper until finally the badass fills your lungs and you slip into the great badass beyond. In fact. maybe a better title would be "*Very Badass Things*." ...And anyone who didn't see that one coming has never read one of these articles before. And if you haven't read one of these articles before, well, now is a great time to start. Because *Very Bad Things* is not only a sweet movie and a badass movie, but it is also absolutely insane. Seriously.

After watching this movie I was concerned for the mental wellbeing of writer/director Peter Berg. Then, I looked at his bio saw that he is also an actor and that the last movie he was in was Corky Romano: Special Agent. That's when I really started to worry. But this is one case where the director's rampant insanity may actually help the movie. After all, if you aren't constantly saying "What the bleep?!" then *Very Bad Things* loses the vast majority of its appeal. It's just a "What the bleep?!" sort of movie.

At first, *Very Bad Things* does not appear to be that badass at all. John Favreau, playing your average Joe kind of guy, is getting married to Cameron Diaz, playing your psychotic girlfriend kind of girl. Understandably, Favreau's friends, played by Jeremy Piven, Christian Slater, Daniel Stern, and some other guy, want him to have one last chance to revel in badassness before he ties the knot. And where in the world can you find more badassitude than Vegas? Exactly. Nowhere.

Now, the bachelor party begins innocently enough, with Favreau and the guys drinking heavily, ripping bongs, smashing through glass tables and basically covering their entire hotel room in cocaine. Then comes the hooker and the guys' mess of problems begin. We all know the old saying, "It's all fun and games until somebody accidentally impales a hooker on a hotel bathroom towel rack," and never was it truer than in this movie. Obviously, "I didn't mean to kill her



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Whatever is behind that door is a badass force to be reckoned with!

officer, I was just so coked up I didn't know what I was doing," can't be used as an excuse and so the guys decide to bury the dead hooker in the desert.

Unfortunately, all of the drug use and hooker-killing has attracted the attention of hotel security, which sends someone to investigate. Christian Slater manages to bribe the guard into overlooking the broken table and piles of blow, but this guard has integrity. He simply will not stand for dead hookers in his hotel. And so Slater stabs him to death. Presumably he also takes back his bribe.

After chopping up and disposing of the bodies with frightening efficiency, the boys return home. But, when badass has been used for evil, it will get its revenge, and so the gods of badass, Badassicus and Samuel L. Jackson (as far as I'm concerned his presence is felt in all badass movies, even ones he isn't in) haunt the men. Well, almost all of the men. Christian Slater's character isn't haunted, but he's just a terrible human being.

Their guilt drives the men apart and they keep doing more very bad things (hence the title of the movie, get it?) and even drives Cameron Diaz into a murderous rage. Although, frankly, this isn't very surprising. Her character is one of those girls who when your buddy dates her, you and all of your friends slowly back away in fear that she might snap one day and just latch onto your jugular like a pit-bull. We've all had buddies who have dated a girl like this. If you haven't, I'd suggest you consider your girlfriend and slowly begin backing away before she tears out your jugular with her teeth.

And by the ending, Diaz really is insane, maybe almost as insane as the director (after all,

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Hamilton Artists: Spencer Soloway '06

Elana Zak '07 talks with another one of Hamilton's most creative.

This week's interviewee is Spencer Soloway. Spencer is a sophomore who lives on the Dark Side and enjoys writing screenplays. He is a Theater Production Major, and also addicted to playing poker.

1) What's your major? Can you explain what it entails and why you chose it?

Theater (Production). Basically it entails classes in playwriting, direction, history, a few in acting, and a senior project. What happened was I came to Hamilton fully expecting to be a government major. Well, heh, that didn't exactly work out and thankfully (for both me and the government department I imagine) I realized that theater was what I really wanted to be involved with.

2) How did you become involved with theater? Were you involved with theater in your high school?

Ha, nope. Beyond taking one acting class and doing some Shakespeare monologues I was totally uninvolved. Actually, I was a big government person in high school. Did Model U.N., debate, took A.P. Government classes, that sorta stuff. Really, theater's not that much different I suppose. I really liked the theater courses here, and it was just something that I decided I wanted to do. It was the right fit.

3) How is theater a lot like government?

It was a joke, but it's true. It's all performance. I couldn't deal with political science, it didn't really interest me. Government does, but political science doesn't.

4)What's your favorite production you've been involved with? Why?

I can't say I have a specific favorite but I enjoyed doing the Unitled @ Large one acts last year and I'm currently doing sound design for Wipeout, the department's Spring production which is a lot of fun.

5) What is the Untitled @ Large?

It was a student written one act play. I played a delusional father who while smoking opium, saw God, and was convinced bleach.

6) Do you act? If so, what types of parts do you generally go for?

Occasionally. Preferably strange ones, or at least that's what I always seem to wind up in. When it comes down to it, I'm willing to do pretty much anything.

7) Do you feel like Hamilton has a strong department in the area you're majoring in?

Yes, definitely. It's a little small but I wouldn't be involved if I didn't think it was a strong department. I think in some ways the size is a benefit since you get to know people a lot better than you would in a larger department. Of course the nature of the beast dictates that you're going to be doing a lot more "hands-on" work alongside other people in your major than you would as a, say, econ major.

8) I know that you're just a sophomore, but what do you think you'll do after you graduate? What do you want to see happen?

Ah, well, there's always professional poker. But, assuming that doesn't work out, I'd love to be involved in screenwriting or film production. Politics is also something that still interests me in some ways, but I might have too checkered a past for that.

9) Are you planning on going abroad? If so, where? How does that coincide with your major?

No idea yet. Honestly, I really haven't decided yet.

10) What are your hobbies?

I wrote a movie screenplay over the summer. Well, there are actually two. There's one semi-tasteful one and one completely not tasteful one. The less distasteful one is like a dark romantic comedy that takes place in New York City and involves a Columbia University Student. I don't really want to go into details about the second one.

11) Are you going to send them in to anyone ever?

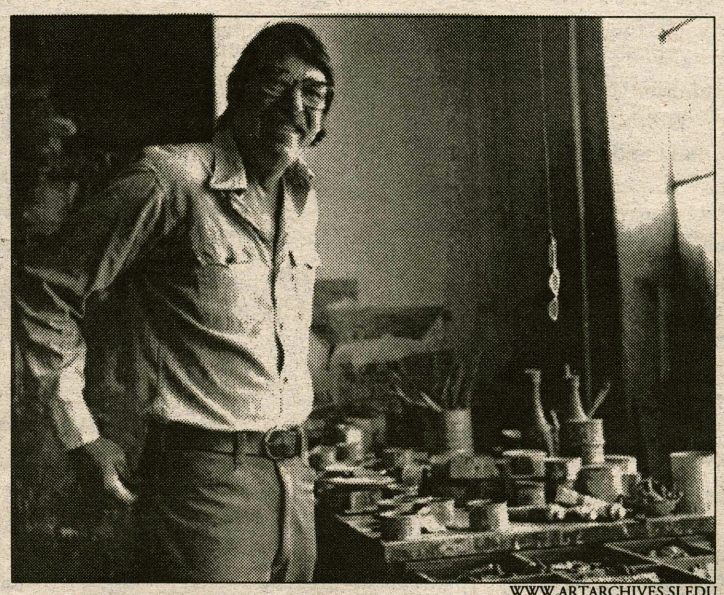
Well, the advice that I got from someone was that you shouldn't send anything in until you have written a lot of stuff. So, eventually I do want to send my screenplays in, but not until I have more work written.

Art Criticism: The Brooklyn Museum of Art

Alex Taylor '07 is back with more of his thoughts on art

Aside from the moral outrage raised by the Sensation exhibit a few years ago - starring Charles Saatchi's aesthetic cabal of formaldehyde, dead fish, and elephant shit - the Brooklyn Museum has largely disappeared into the peripheral vision of the New York art world. For even as the newly transplanted Museum of Modern Art manages to lure huge crowds several subway stops into Queens, the Brooklyn Museum has so far been unable to attract a similar number of people, nor approach the attendance records set by the Holy Trinity of the Upper East Side: the Metropolitan, Guggenheim, and Whitney Museums.

The Brooklyn Museum of Art, along with the destruction of Ebbets Field and the Dodger's subsequent sprint for L.A., remains one of the principal casualties of the prolonged, Faulkner type decay that had until very recently afflicted the entire borough. As it stands, the Brooklyn Museum of Art is only a quarter complete, as its soaring beaux art design was shelved as the Gilded Age of McKim, Mead, and White dried up. Reduced in circumstance, the consequent shape of the Museum - five stories tall but horizontally stunted - places the Brooklyn Museum of Art in competition with the Barnes Foundation outside of Philadelphia as the American museum most resembling Ms. Havisham.



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***Ocean Park*, by Richard Diebenkorn (above), is one of the better works currently on display at the Brooklyn Museum of Art.**

But what is bad for the Brooklyn Museum of Art's prestige - namely half-filled coffers and attendance lines- is not bad for visitors of the Museum. For one, the curators appear to have been largely left to their own aesthetic devices, and the organization of the permanent collection is among the most creative of any serious museum. At the Metropolitan one walks through a room of Federalist sofa chairs, into a gallery of Hudson River paintings, and out through the gift shop. It is history arranged to stoke the souvenir impulse. In contrast, the Brooklyn Museum of Art offers bold and speculative relationships between works, aesthetic and intellectual. One sees a 1907 portrait by John Singer hanging next to 1974 portrait by Alice Neel, and the surprising divergence between the two not a passage of time but an evolution from a classical to a modernist perception of dignity. Admittedly, the Museum's collection borders on the threadbare, among them a terrible, early Georgia O'Keefe painting and a later Lichtenstein print which are among the worst works I have ever seen by either artist. However, the seemingly offhand juxtaposition of Mignolt's enormous Niagara and Diebenkorn's Ocean Park astound, conjuring the whole of American history in two canvases, the certainty of the 19th century and the dislocation of contemporary America. This is moderately daring curatorial work, not quite free association poetry, but lyrical and never overly rhetorical. For once, the museum visitor is allowed to make aesthetic and thematic connections - quite literally in the case of the missing placards beneath several Innes paintings - and it is a decidedly pleasant experience not to have the path of art history arranged towards the gift shop.

BADASS

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she did go on to make Charlie's Angels and a sequel). What drives her insane? Oh, my badass friends, if only I could tell you. Unfortunately, even though I saw this movie almost a week ago, I still can't say anything about the ending other than "What the bleep?!" Badass? To be honest, I'm not really sure. But I do know that this movie has vast quantities of badass, badass that gets woefully out of control.

Hell hath no fury like badass that has been wronged. If only the men could have kept their badassness to getting wasted and breaking stuff. Then they would just have to go to J-Board or maybe pay a fine. Instead, their lives degenerate into hell. I think there's a lesson here for all of us. And that lesson is: Chiggity check your badass self before you wriggity wreck your badass self. Word. This has been Badass Movie Reviews. Next week: *The Lion King* 1 and 1/2.

Weekend Box Office Results

Weekend Gross/**Total Gross**

1. ***You Got Served*** $16,123,105/**$16,123,105**
2. ***The Butterfly Effect*** $9,556,280/**$31,735,064**
3. ***Along Came Polly*** $9,310,060/**$66,002,555**
4. ***The Return of the King*** $5,310,803/**$345,331,815**
5. ***The Perfect Score*** $4,873,819/**$4,873,819**
6. ***Big Fish*** $4,533,655/**$55,316,067**
7. ***Mystic River*** $4,378,417/**$64,858,601**
8. ***Cheaper By The Dozen*** $4,285,230/ **$128,034,055**
9. ***Win A Date With Tad Hamilton!*** $4,211,395/ **$13,107,536**
10. ***Cold Mountain*** $4,074,047/**$78,375,713**

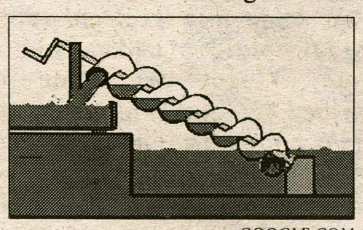
Science & Technology

Archimedes: the father of mathematics

Stephanie Lynn Higgins '04
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Archimedes of Syracuse is generally held to be the greatest mathematician of ancient times. Even though his achievements were made in the third century BC, they still fascinate the greatest minds of today. His methods, developed by the likes of Kepler, Cavalieri and Fermat, anticipated the integral calculus brought to perfection by Leibniz and Newton.

The son of an astronomer, Archimedes was a native of Syracuse, Sicily. It is reported that he visited Egypt and there studied with the successors of Euclid in Alexandria. It is during this time that he devised *Archimedes' screw*, a water pump still used in many parts of the world.



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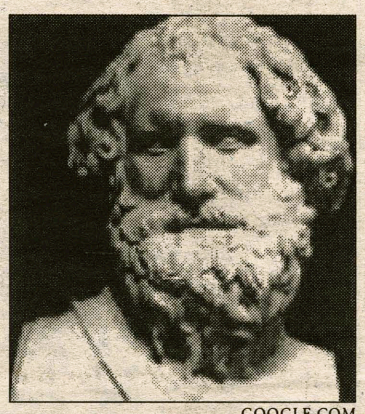
Archimedes' famous water pump.

Archimedes continued to exchange mathematical ideas and theorems with his friends in Alexandria, and tells us in the preface to his work *On Spirals* that some of the mathematicians there were in the habit of claiming his results as their own. His solution was to include two false theorems without proofs, and on the last occasion he sent them his ideas "so that those who claim to discover everything, but produce no proofs of the same, may be confuted as having pretended to discover the impossible."

Sources such as stories from Plutarch and Livy describe Archimedes' invention of the catapult, compound pulley and burning-mirror (a device using specially shaped and shined shields to focus the sunlight onto the enemies sails to set them afire) as machines made for the defense of Syracuse. Plutarch tells us that he was persuaded to build these machines by his friend and possible relation, King Hieron II of Syracuse, and in this way Archimedes built a formidable reputation amongst his contemporaries, which he could not have earned solely through his study of theoretical mathematics.



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Statue of Archimedes.

In *Measurement of the Circle*, he computed the value of pi to between the values 310/71 and 31/7, using a system of circumscribing and inscribing a circle with regular polygons having 96 sides. His most famous theorem, known as Archimedes' principal and supposedly discovered whilst he was in the bath, gives the weight of a body immersed in a liquid.

In *The Sandreckoner*, Archimedes proposed a number system capable of expressing numbers up to 8×10^{16} in modern notation, which he claims is a number large enough to count every grain of sand possible of fitting into the universe.

He also states that Aristarchus had proposed an astronomical system with the sun at the center of the universe and with the planets revolving around it, for which Archimedes used his skill in geometry to calculate distances to the heavenly bodies.

Archimedes was killed in 212 BC, when all his attempts to keep the Romans at bay with his war machines failed, and Syracuse was finally captured in the second Punic war. Archimedes requested that his tombstone be decorated with a sphere contained in the smallest possible cylinder and inscribed with the ratio of the cylinder's volume to that of the sphere. Archimedes considered the discovery of this ratio the greatest of all his accomplishments.

The results of Archimedes are all the more remarkable when one considers the times in which he lived. Archimedes made fundamental discoveries in several fields, and then advanced them so far that his results were not improved upon for many centuries. Archimedes certainly ranks as one of the greatest minds in recorded history.

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A Roman mosaic depicting Archimedes' death.

Health & Fitness

Everything you always wanted to know about STDs, but were afraid to ask...

by Jennifer Ruch '06
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Sexually transmitted diseases are infections that a person catches through sexual contact. Currently, the most rampant STDs on college campuses are Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, and Genital warts, otherwise known as HPV. Most of these diseases are treatable and the ones that aren't can be controlled. It is important for anyone who is sexually active to get tested, because even if you do not experience symptoms, you may be infected. Testing is quick and painless. The ultimate goal of testing is to explain everything about the disease to the patient, including how they got it, how to prevent it, and how to keep it from spreading. The following information will provide a better understanding of some of the most commons STDs.

Gonorrhea is caused by a bacterium that can grow and multiply easily in warm, moist areas of the reproductive tract, as well as the mouth, throat and anus. It is contracted through sexual contact, vaginal, anal and oral. The disease can also be spread from mother to child, and to unlikely parts of the body. For example, a person will develop an eye infection after touching a Gonorrhea- infected area and then touching an eye. Signs can appear as soon as two to five days after initial infection and in men include a burning sensation when urinating and a yellowish discharge. In women the signs are usually mild and can be mistaken for a bladder or vaginal infection. Symptoms include painful or burning during urination and a yellow discharge. If untreated in women, it can lead to PID, which causes infertility. Treatments can cure uncomplicated gonorrhea.

Chlamydia, another very common STD, is also caused by a bacterium and is spread the same ways as Gonorrhea. Symptoms usually show one to three weeks after initial infection, and are slightly different for men and women. Men may experience stinging during urination, due to inflammation of the urethra, as well as discharge and itchiness around the opening of the penis. Women also experience stinging during urination and an unusual discharge, but have pain in their lower abdomen due to inflammation of the Fallopian tubes. Chlamydia can also infect the rectum and cause eye infections. It can be treated with antibiotics and when treated early there are no side effects.

HPV, Genital Warts, is a virus that causes warts on the genitals, ranging from the size of nickels to microscopic spots. The most common method of infection is touching the genitals of or having sex with someone who already has the infection. The best way not to spread HPV to a partner is by not having sex, because condoms only slow the spread. HPV looks like skin colored bumps of many little fingers. Genital Warts can be especially dangerous in women because the disease has been linked to cervical cancer. Doctors can temporarily cure Genital Warts, but a person will never be able to get rid of the virus.

Syphilis is another STD caused by bacterium, and many of the signs and symptoms are the same as other diseases. Syphilis is three and a half times more prevalent in men than in women. It is spread through direct sexual contact with a syphilis sore, which occur on the external genitals, vagina, anus, rectum, lips and in the mouth. It can also be passed from mother to child during pregnancy. The first stage of Syphilis is marked by the appearance of a single sore, which last three to six weeks without treatment. The secondary stage is a skin rash that appears rough, red, or reddish brown on the palms of the hands or the bottom of the feet. Fever, muscle aches, weight loss, headaches, and fatigue may also occur. Symptoms will disappear with or without treatment, but if left alone will move to the late stage of the disease. The late stage progresses if a person fails to seek treatment, and may lead to brain or organ damage. This damage may be serious enough to result in death. The genital sores caused by syphilis make it two to five times easier for a person to acquire HIV. Syphilis is easily treated in its early stages with antibiotics; however, treatment will not reverse damage done in later stages of the disease.

There are several obvious ways to dramatically reduce your risk of acquiring a sexually transmitted disease, such as considering abstinence from sexual activity and choosing a monogamous uninfected partner. It is also wise to avoid alcohol and drugs, which impair judgment, in situations where you may become vulnerable to unsafe behavior. However, the jeopardy of catching an STD can also be lowered by using condoms, having regular physical exams, and seeking treatment when necessary.

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Women's hockey falls; Self '04 records 100th point

by Mike Osborne '05
SPORTS EDITOR

The NESCAC has come to be known as one of the top leagues in Division III women's hockey. Unfortunately, the women's hockey team has found this out the hard way over the past few weeks. The Lady Conts have lost seven in a row and eight of their last nine. However, these losses have come against teams that are ranked 4th (Middlebury), 5th (Bowdoin), and 9th (Williams) in the latest USCHO poll.

This past weekend, the Lady Conts traveled to Brunswick, ME, to face the Polar Bears of Bowdoin College. Bowdoin came into the weekend ranked 5th in the latest USCHO poll. The Lady Conts had a strong weekend, but lost 5-2 on Friday and then 11-2 on Saturday.

On Friday night, Bowdoin jumped out to a 2-0 lead after the first two periods. However, the Lady Conts did not go down without a fight. Zoe Baldwin '06 made things interesting with her goal 1:10 into the final period. Baldwin's goal was assisted by Jessica Morin '05 and Eden Self '04. However, Bowdoin showed their superiority down the stretch as they scored three unanswered goals to put the game out of reach. Self closed out the scoring with Hamilton's second goal, which came with only 3:33 left in the game. Jess Morin picked up her second assist of the night on Self's goal. The Lady Conts got an outstanding effort from goaltender, Caitlin Connelly '07. Connelly made a remarkable 52 saves in the losing effort.

With her one goal and one assist on Friday, Eden Self became only the third player in the history of Hamilton women's hockey to record 100 points. Self currently has 101 points, with 48 goals and 62 assists in her career. Her 62 assists rank her second on the all-time list for assists, which is only one behind current assistant coach, Amy Clausen, for first on the all-time list.

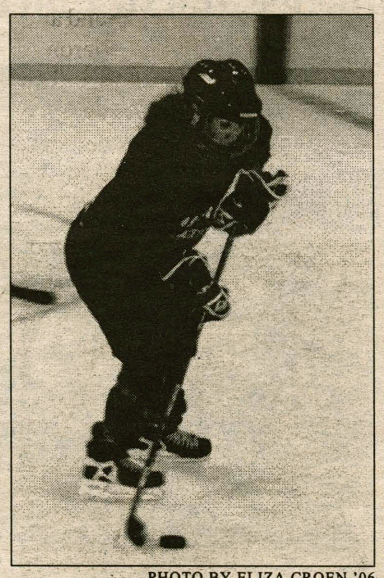


PHOTO BY ELIZA CROEN '06
Hamilton prepares for the Mules of Colby.

On Saturday, the Lady Conts put forth another strong effort, but Bowdoin brought their "A" game, and showed why they are ranked 5th in the country. Bowdoin exploded for 11 goals on 59 shots, eventually skating away with an 11-2 victory. The Polar Bears scored five unanswered goals in the first period to jump out to a 5-0 lead. Hamilton responded to open up the second period with Jane Bradley '06 and Zoe Baldwin picking up Hamilton's goals. Bradley's goal was set-up by Marissa Halligan '05 and Coleen MacNally '05. MacNally picked up her second assist of the afternoon on Baldwin's goal. Bowdoin closed the scoring with six unanswered goals to put the game out of reach, and to close out a frustrating game for the Lady Continentals. Caitlin Connelly had another strong game in the Hamilton net, as she made 48 saves.

Despite the tough stretch that the Lady Conts have gone through recently, the attitude of the team is very positive. Coach Bryant described the attitude of the team when she said, "This is an excellent group. They have a positive and competitive approach to every day. We have been stressing the importance of taking advantage of the opportunities to improve as a team so that we are playing our best hockey come playoff time."

Part of the reason for the positive attitude can be attributed to the team's leadership. Captain Eden Self and assistant captains Alex Koerte '04 and Marissa Halligan. These three have worked hard both on and off the ice to keep team morale up and team chemistry strong. Coach Bryant described the leadership by saying, "The leadership has been strong and consistent, which has helped our team develop into a cohesive unit."

The Lady Conts return to Sage Rink this weekend to face the Mules of Colby College. Coach Bryant described her team's improvement and overall play best when she said, "We are a better team than we were at the start of the season. If we can maintain a good work ethic and stay focused, I believe we will be competitive down the stretch."

Swim team back on the winning path

Teams rebound from tough defeats and beats Union convincingly

by Andrew Dassori '07
SPORTS WRITER

This past weekend the men's and women's swimming teams traveled to Union College for meets that they won by 75 and 46 points respectively. Their huge wins put them back on the winning path, after a three-meet losing skid. The Continentals head into their final two meets before NESCACs, against division two Le Moyne College on Feb. 6 and Rensselaer on Feb. 7, which will be their final home meets at the Bristol Pool. Hopefully, this week will have a similarly dominant outcome for the Continental Swimmers.

At Union, the Hamilton men's team was lead by tri-captains Jeff Wilson '04, Kevin Thompson '04, and Jim Baker '04. Without their top swimmer, Elliot Seguin, Union didn't stand a chance against the Conts as four different Hamilton swimmers and divers finished first in two events each, crushing what was once Hamilton's rival school. The winners were Aran Lawrence '05 in the 50 and 100 meter freestyles, Steve Morris '06 in the 400-yard individual medley and the 200 meter breaststroke, Tim Reed '06 in the 200-yard butterfly and the 500 meter freestyle, and last but not least, Mike Salmon '06, who once again made NCAA "B" cuts in the 1- and 3-meter diving events. Hamilton's relay teams both won, rounding out their win and improving their record to 4-4, which is good for 1st place in the UCAA.

Reflecting on the meet and the season, men's captain Jeff Wilson states, "it was a huge morale booster to win this weekend and end our losing streak. People swam great, and this meet, along with all of our meets since getting back from Hawaii, should prepare us well for NESCACs." Wilson added later that the team has "come together and meshed nicely over the past few weeks." This is encouraging news as the Continentals head down the home stretch.

On the women's side, the team was led by captains Brittany Achin '05, Sarah McDermott '04, and Suzie Wilson '06 in their triumph over Union. In this meet, the standout performer was definitely Nicole Knapp '05, who won the 1,650 meter and 500 meter freestyles, along with the 200 yard butterfly in which she made the NCAA "B" cut. She had a huge day swimming the 1,650 meter, an event she had never competed in before. Other first place winners included Emily Clinkhammer '06 who conquered the competition with her magnificent 1 and 3 meter dives, Brittany Achin who made the "B" cut in the 200-yard breaststroke, and Sarah McDermott '04 who blew away all competition in the 200-yard backstroke. And once again, Hamilton's relay teams swept the event, reflecting the level of teamwork that coach Davis constantly stresses.

As they head into their final weeks, Chelsea Fellows-Swanson '06 reflected on the team as a whole and the work they have put in during the season: "The women's team has become increasingly close over the season. We have a variety of personalities on the team, which in some instances could be troublesome. but instead we complement each other nicely and laugh endlessly."

Coach Davis is excited as he looks toward the end of the year.

"I think the team really senses that the end is near and that taper (rest) is around the corner. We have some fun local meets that will allow us to build our confidence as we head into an ultra-competitive NESCAC meet. I think we're in a great place physically and mentally and a few weeks of good rest will really yield us some stellar results," Davis stated.

They look forward to this weekend, when they have a meet against Le Moyne College followed by a meet against Rensselaer the very next day, which will be the final home meets for the seniors on the team. With their dedication to the program over the past four years, this should be a very emotional and special experience for all in attendance, and the team would really appreciate a big showing in their final home meet.

Indoor Track Continues Success

by Matt Bradley '07
SPORTS WRITER

In a recent indoor track meet held at St. Lawrence University on January 31, both the men's and women's squads from Hamilton College earned a respectable third place. The guys placed third out of six teams, while the girls placed third out of seven teams. The men earned a total of 67 points, while the women earned 44.

The meet's most notable performances came in the men's 4x200-meter relay and the pole vault. Hamilton's Olamide Harrison '04, Elijah Huling '04, Jay Russell '06, and Richard Schwam '06 broke the school record in the 4x200-meter relay, finishing with an outstanding time of 1:33.34. With its most recent achievement, the foursome has qualified to compete in the ECAC championships later this year. In addition to the group's amazing performance, Hamilton had another record-shattering day from Kyle Graham '06. Graham, who is still signing autographs from last week's record-breaking pole vault performance, broke the record once again with a height of 4.18 meters.

In addition to these two record-breaking performances, the men's squad had other exemplary performances. Steve Butterhof '05 placed second in the shot put, hurling it a total of 14.46 meters. This throw earned him the opportunity to compete in the ECAC championships later this year with a few of his other teammates. Chris Dunn '05 placed third in the 800-meters, finishing with a time of 1:58.47. Dunn, who narrowly missed the ECAC qualifying time by only .53 seconds, is hopeful that he will qualify during his next meet. Bob Group '06 has been extremely consistent in the field events. Group placed second in the triple jump with a distance of 12.45 meters.

The women's squad was equally successful in the last meet. Leading the team was Lauren Steates '07, who placed first in the triple jump with a distance of 9.77 meters. "Everyone had a great meet. This is the first time we've had some solid competition," comments Steates. "I'm happy with my performance and hopefully by the end of the year I can break 33 feet." In addition to Steates's excellent performance, Jenny Orbaker '07 did well in the high jump. Orbaker placed third with a height of 1.53 meters. The women's 4x200 meter-relay squad placed second behind the harriers from Saint Lawrence, getting edged out by less than two seconds. Kara Feigeles '07, Julia Ho '06, Jeesoo Park '07, and Anne Schlesinger '06 combined for the event's second place finish and earned a time of 1:57.95.

Athletes of the week: Corey '04 and Katsuras '06

Just because they're mean on the ice, doesn't mean they won't cuddle for hours

by Andrew DeCastro '05
SPORTS EDITOR

Name: Jeff Corey
Nicknames: Shafty
Year: 2004
Hometown: Niagara Falls, Ontario
Major: Economics
Hobbies: Tennis, Wakeboarding, Cuddling as much as possible
Pregame Rituals: Relaxing pregame to a night of poker. My favourite game is, "The Good, The Bad, and The Racine."
Marital Status: Single
What is your dream job: I would love to be a pool boy at one of those houses you see on cribs. Like the ones where the husband is always at work and the guy's hot wife is left lonely all day in that big house.
If you could be like any player on the Hamilton hockey team, who would it be and why: I would want to be like Gus. He gets all the girls, and you've probably seen the rocks in his ears that Grady gave him as a signing bonus to come here instead of the NHL.
If you never wanted to be like someone on the team, who would it be and why: Eric Kallio. He's skinny, and he knows I can beat his ass.
What are your greatest strengths and weaknesses on the ice: Strengths for me is my game sense. My weakness is that I tend to wear T-shirts that are too tight under my equipment and it restricts my movement.
What will you miss the most when you leave Hamilton: I'll miss Commons first, and then I'll miss all the great friends that I've made here. I'll tell you what I wont miss....Super Athlete!!!
What are your thoughts about the new alcohol policies soon to be implemented: Could care less. But if they get implimented, I wouldn't recommend Hamilton to anyone. Our social life here teaches us more about life then any classroom could.
What's your feeling that you are only the second biggest jacked person in the community: I think we all know that this question is Bull shit. Do we need to take a trip upstairs to look at the WOW record board Andrew??
What is your response to those that consider you a playa: They are absolutely right. I'm a hockey player. A hockey player that know that women are to be respected at all times! Yes good answer. I'm happy with that.

Name: Gus Katsuras
Nicknames: Hussler
Year: 06
Hometown: Toronto, Ontario.
Major: Economics

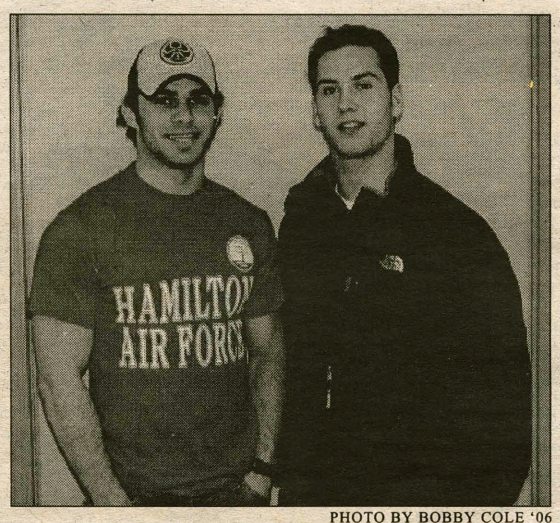


PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

Is it hot in here? Notice that Jeff (left) is wearing a shirt two sizes too small.

Hobbies: Hockey, watching movies and taking long walks in the glen!
Pregame Rituals: nap, shower, eat, listen to certain songs
Marital Status: Happily Married with 3 kids.
Describe your signature move on the ice: Probably a johny toe pull dangle and finish top cheese short side.
Reasons for coming to Hamilton: The beautiful weather because it's similar to my igloo temperature.
How do you feel about the new direction that the school is currently taken: It's taking a new direction? Oh ya the direction where they are trying to stop all the parties and focus only on enlargening Burke library so we can all live there.
If you couldn't play for Hamtech but could play for ANY college, which would it be and why: I would have to say Morehead State. I think it speaks for itself.
Does it bother you that the United States basically controls Canada: No because it's not true. Does it bother you that we are bigger and on top???????
Has anyone said you look like Vanilla Ice: Ya, but only because of my picture in my freshman face book, but i think i have better rhythm than he does.
Why do you always wear the puffy white jacket: I don't any more...hey i'll wear anything to keep me warm in this weather, i mean i'm wearing animal fur now...damn..
What were you thinking when you had your hair dyed last year: Well it was a representation of my youth, now it's gone because i'm in my 30's and i feel it's time to mature and move on to bigger and better things in my life.
Do you go to a barber or a stylist to get your hair done: Come On!!!! I wouldn't insult my barber like that, he IS a stylist. He kept the hockey hair flowing for me, but unfortunately it's gone now.
What are the benefits to being from Canada: Everything. Actually i would have to say the junk food because ours is WAY better than yours, and i would have to say that junk food is the key to my heart so it's very important to me.
What are you favorite things about going to school in the US. I guess i get to experience two different worlds and i get to meet a lot of new people.
What famous actress could you see yourself in bed with? Definitely Hale Berry, and i've recently become a big fan of jessica simpson minus her personality. sorry kelly.
Outlook on the rest of the season: We better win the damn NESCAC league
What were some of the team goals this year: Winning the NESCAC and continue to kick ass in the National Tournament.
What are some of your individual goals: To be an All-American.

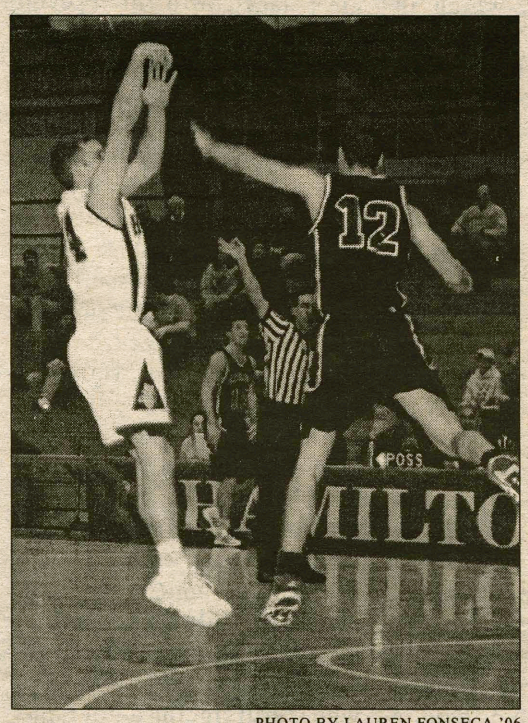
Men's basketball splits last two conference games

by Michael Proia '05
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's basketball team may have let their chances of hosting the UCAA Tournament slip through their fingers last weekend. Friday night Hamilton lost to conference leader Clarkson University in a game that came down to the final seconds. The Continentals followed the loss with a dominating win over St. Lawrence on Saturday.

Many expected the Clarkson game to be a tightly contested match-up, but in the end it turned into a classic war between two of the top teams in the conference. Hamilton led 45-41 at the half, shooting an outstanding 54 percent while holding Clarkson to 46 percent.

But in the second half, Clarkson picked up the pressure on defense, forcing numerous Hamilton turnovers, and heated up to 50 percent, shooting including five of ten from three-point range. For the game, the Clarkson defense forced sixteen Hamilton turnovers compared to just eight for the Golden Eagles. Clarkson players also hit eleven of 25 three-point attempts to help collect the 85-80 win.



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Mike Evans attempts a field goal from beyond the arch against St. Lawrence.

Clarkson led by 2 with over a minute and a half remaining, but when Greg Leone '04 buried a jump shot to tie the score with 1:34 to play, Clarkson responded in just eighteen seconds to take the lead for good on a bucket by Josh Harner, who finished with 17 points. After an unsuccessful trip down the floor, Hamilton found themselves down two with 48 seconds left to play. Rather than foul, Hamilton chose to try to play solid defense for 35 seconds, work for a defensive stop, and get one shot to tie the game.

"Forty-eight seconds is a long time, and if we get a stop, we could have fifteen or thirteen seconds to come up with a play to get the game tied," commented coach Murphy when asked about the decision not to foul.

Unfortunately for Hamilton, with fewer than ten seconds remaining on the shot clock, a Continental player committed a foul away from the hoops allowing Clarkson the chance to ice the game at the free throw line. When Golden Eagle Matt Decker missed the second of two free throws, Hamilton had a chance to tie with a three. Hamilton instead tried to go inside for a quick two, and had a few close looks, but when both Tsakane Ngobeni '07 and Joe Smith '04's attempts rimmed out, Hamilton had to foul again and Clarkson made the final two free throws to put the game away.

The Continentals turned away from the game disappointed, but ready to get back to work and pick up the defensive effort against St. Lawrence. Hamilton built a 31-19 lead at the half by holding St. Lawrence to 23 percent shooting, and controlling the glass.

In the second half, both offenses heated up, as Hamilton shot a remarkable 65 percent from the field for the half, and scored 52 points (the final three coming on a crowd-thrilling long-range three-pointer by Mike Evans '05 as time ran down) to come away with an 83-59 victory.

TK led all scorers with 21 points and a game-high twelve rebounds, leading five Hamilton players in double figures. Smith scored seventeen, C.J. Cantil '04 added fourteen, Leone scored twelve and handed out five assists, and Tim Welchons '06 scored ten. Smith and Cantil each finished one rebound shy of a double-double.

Hamilton's conference record now stands at 4-3, halfway through the conference schedule. With tough games still to play at Clarkson, at Union, and at home against RIT, Hamilton still could make a run at finishing first in the league, but it won't be easy.

As usual, coach Murphy stressed that the team must play with more passion and energy than their opponents if they want to be successful.

"We are not the most talented team in the league," said Murphy, "but we work hard, and if we play hard, with a lot of passion, we can beat anyone. It all starts with the defense. We can score points against anyone, but if we want to win we have to be able to stop other people."

The team will travel to Skidmore and Union this Friday and Saturday in what have become must win games if the Continentals want to get home court advantage in the conference tournament. Clarkson leads the conference at 6-1, followed by RIT at 5-2, and Union at 5-3, half a game ahead of Hamilton, which is in fourth.

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#19 North Carolina @ #15 Wake Forest 2/7	Wake Forest	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC
#20 Syracuse @ #23 Providence 2/7	Providence	'Cuse	'Cuse	'Cuse	'Cuse
#22 Oklahoma @ #14Texas 2/8	Texas	Oklahoma	Texas	Texas	Oklahoma
#24 South Carolina @ #9 Kentucky 2/7	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky
NBA					
San Antonio @ Sacramento 2/6	Sacramento	Sacramento	San Antonio	San Antonio	Sacramento
Boston @ Philadelphia 2/7	Boston	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Boston	Philadelphia
New Jersey @ Cleveland 2/11	New Jersey	Cleveland	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey
NHL					
New Jersey @ New York Rangers 2/11	Rangers	Devils	Devils	Rangers	Devils
Eastern All Stars vs. Western All Stars 2/8	East	East	West	East	East

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Women's basketball on three game winning streak

by Paul Kibbe '05
SPORTS WRITER

The roller coaster ride of a season continued for the women's basketball team, which won their last three games including a very important win against UCAA opponent St. Lawrence. Before the three game winning streak, the team had dropped their last three league games after winning four of their previous five games.

Their most recent winning streak could not have come at a better time for the women. Going into the weekend of January 30th and 31st, the women were 1-4 in the UCAA and their playoff hopes were diminishing. This all changed beginning Friday, January 30th when Clarkson visited the Hill.

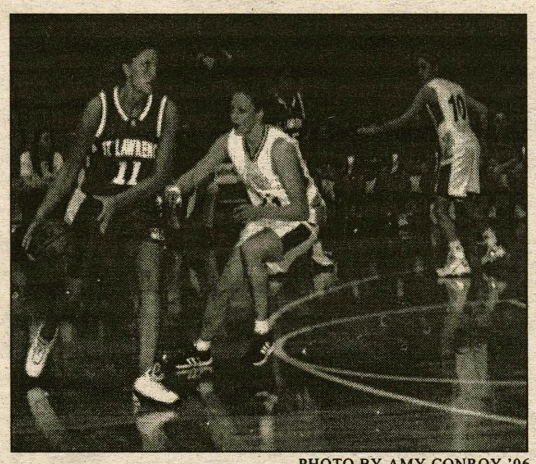
The Hamilton women jumped out to a large first half lead and although Clarkson outscored the women in the second half, they could not get the game in reach and Hamilton won easily.

Their biggest game of the weekend came the following day against St. Lawrence, one of the top teams in the league. Knowing this, the Continentals came out firing, playing with intense emotion as if nothing could stop them. They gained the lead in the second half, but St. Lawrence came right back and with time running out and Hamilton up three, St. Lawrence threw up a half court shot at the buzzer that banked off the backboard and went in; however, the referees ruled that the shot came after the buzzer.

The final game of the winning streak came on Tuesday night against Middlebury, the Continentals' final game of a seven game home stand. For the third game in a row, Hamilton took a lead into the half and although some set backs occured in the second half, Middlebury could not overcome the dominant play by the Continentals.

The Hamilton women dominated Clarkson from start to finish with their hot shooting and shutdown defense. Clarkson took the lead 6-5 at the start of the first half but this was the only time they were in the game. After Clarkson took the lead, Hamilton responded with a 24-3 run and went into the locker room with a comfortable lead, 46-17. The second half was different for the Continentals who appeared to come out flat. They scored only 20 points in the second but kept up their stingy defense allowing Clarkson only 24 more points. Clarkson never got closer than 18 points to the Continentals in the second half, who went on to an easy 66-41 win.

Saturday afternoon was not quite as easy for the Continentals who once again came out strong on both ends of the floor. Both teams played tight defense in the first half with neither team allowing the other many good shots. Hamilton managed to take a 26-25 lead into the locker room at the half shooting only 26% from the floor, just barely better than St. Lawrence which shot 25%. Holly Erick '04 decided to take the team on to her shoulders at the beginning of the second half. Erick made lay-up after lay-up and could not be stopped inside, scoring 9 of her career high 26 points in the Continentals 15-3 run to start the half.



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The Continentals play solid defense.

Hamilton kept their lead in double digits for much of the second half but St. Lawrence slowly chipped it to only two points with five seconds left. Larissa Hopkins went to the line to shoot two with 2.2 seconds remaining. She hit her first putting the Continentals up three, 70-67. Her second missed the mark and St. Lawrence quickly pushed the ball up the court and with time expiring, Jessica Smith put up a shot from half court that banked and went in. The refs huddled and after only a second said that the shot was released too late and Hamilton won 70-67. The win was the biggest of the season thus far for the Hamilton women, who were now 3-4 in the UCAA. Before the win, Hamilton had not beaten St. Lawrence since the 1997-98 season.

Hamilton continued their overpowering play against non-league opponent Middlebury. For the third straight game the Continentals had the lead at the half, this time 50-26. Jess Gorman '06 scored 11 points in the first half for Hamilton, which just overpowered a much slower and weaker Middlebury team. Much like the Clarkson game, the Continentals came out slow offensively to start the second half and were outscored by Middlebury 34-30, but it was not enough for the Panthers. Although Hamilton was outscored in the second half, they went on to win handily 80-60. The win improved their record to 10-6 on the year.

Gorman led all scorers with 14 points. Holly Erick had another good outing scoring 12 points, while fellow starters Missy Nelson '05 and Larissa Hopkins '04 had 11 and 10 points respectively. Nelson also finished with 8 assists. Jill Regan '07 came off the bench and scored 10 points, and lead all Continentals with 10 rebounds and 5 blocked shots.

Hamilton now goes on the road to play two league games, the first of which is Friday night, February 6th, in Saratoga, NY when they take on Skidmore College. Skidmore beat the Continentals 73-68 in their first match- up of the season. The following day the women will travel to Schenectady, NY to take on Union College, a very strong UCAA team. In their first meeting, Union had no problem with the Continental women, winning easily 76-57. Hamilton hopes to avenge both losses this weekend and after improving their UCAA record to 3-4, they know that every league game is still very important.

Sports

Men's hockey upsets #10 New England College, 3-1

Conts unable to repeat performance against St. Anselm's and lose, 5-4

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The men's hockey team arguably played its best hockey of the year last Friday night at Sage Rink. In came New England College, the tenth ranked team in the country with one of the most potent and explosive offenses in Division III hockey. Hamilton, refusing to bow down to a ranked opponent, dominated the Pilgrims from the drop of the puck. There was never a moment in the game when it looked as if New England College would take over. In all three periods, Hamilton never allowed New England to gain momentum.

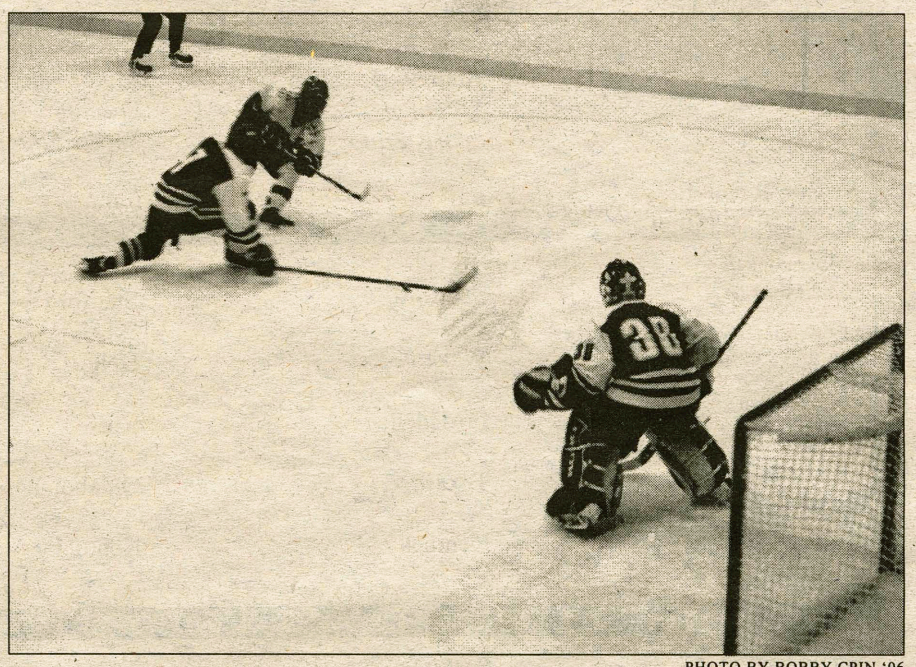
New England College was lucky to be tied with the Continentals after one period of play. Not only did Hamilton outshoot New England in the first period, but they dominated the Pilgrims best defensive hockey. We didn't get careless in the offensive zone, and we didn't take any foolish penalties. The fact that we were able to take on one of the highest scoring teams in the country, and keep their forwards off the board, that shows our guys' dedication to playing sound defense."

After Hamilton was down a goal early to the Pilgrims, captain Jeff Corey '04 brought the Conts right back into the game with a nifty goal on a great pass from Tom Ditzer '04. Interestingly enough in the second period the Conts were outshot by the Pilgrims, 19-7. Despite their low number of shots, the Continentals took full advantage of scoring opportunities and scored two goals in the second period. Erik Kallio '06 went top cheese on a great pass from Jim Nolan '07, and Tom Ditzer lit the lamp courtesy of Scott Gordon '04.

MacNeil is the projected starter for this Friday because of his solid performances of late.

Coach Grady was extremely encouraged by the MacNeil's performance.

"Robbie has been solid all year. We are fortunate that when he is called upon, he has stepped up to the task. He did a great job against Elmira in a tough atmosphere and then came back to our own barn and handled New England very well."



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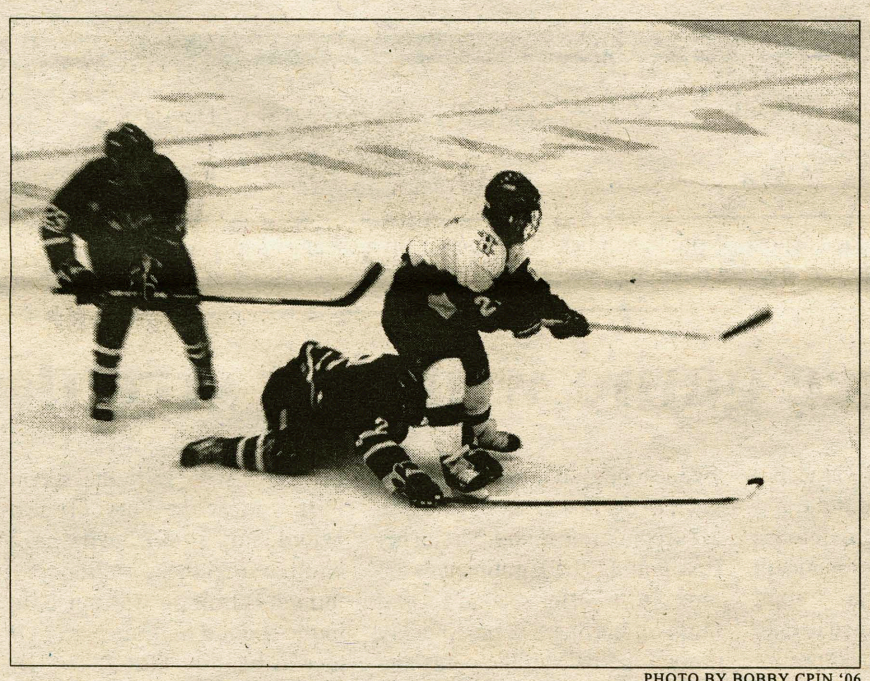
Hamilton managed to capitalize on the scoring chances they had against New England College last Friday night at Sage Rink.



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Sophomore Gus Katsuras (21) dangles around two St. Anselm players and scores one of his three goals last Saturday.

physically-one element that isn't always consistent in the Continentals play. Hamilton's consistent physical play and solid defensive zone coverage enabled the forwards to utilize their team speed and generate quality scoring chances.

An enthusiastic Coach Phil Grady talked about his team's sound performance.

"This year, New England College has been an explosive team offensively. Our best performances this year have come as a result from us playing our best defensive hockey. We didn't get careless in the offensive zone, and we didn't take any foolish penalties. The fact that we were able to take on one of the highest scoring teams in the country, and keep their forwards off the board, that shows our guys' dedication to playing sound defense."

The MVP of the game against New England had to be given to goaltender Rob MacNeil '05. MacNeil was given the opportunity to shine after a strong performance against rival Elmira a few nights before. After allowing the first goal in the game, MacNeil shut out the Pilgrims for the remaining two periods. Whether Hamilton was shorthanded or at even strength, MacNeil continued to keep the Conts in the game, and allowed the defensive to get more aggressive in the offensive zone.

Last Saturday, however, Hamilton was unable to repeat its performance from the night before. The Saint Anselm's Hawks defeated the Conts, 5-4, in a very larthagic contest. Saint Anselm's, a much improved team from a year ago, never allowed the Continentals to enjoy the success they had Friday night. Because of Hamilton's lack of discipline with penalties, as well as various breakdowns in the defensive zone, the Hawks were able to generate scoring chances that they usually don't get when playing at Sage Rink.

Coach Grady put St. Anselm's play into perspective.

"After we were up two goals, I don't think we beared down enough to get that third goal. When we get someone on the ropes like that, we need to put them away. Because we didn't, St. Anselm's got the next goal and got the momentum that they needed."

Grady also mentioned that Hamilton's main problems started from their own play in the defensive zone. Not having any apparent superstars, St. Anselm's takes great pride in their team systems. Because of this, the Hawks managed to cycle the puck in the offensive zone rather well during the game. As the constant cycling transpired, Hamilton was unable to pick up the last person that was headed to the net. St. Anselm's subsequently kicked the puck back out to the defenseman at the blue line. The main problem didn't lie within the shots from the point, because goalie Gabe Tash '06 handedled the initial shot well. The problem arose when Hawks players found themselves having an unmolested second opportunity to put the puck away.

Hamilton's lone bright spot was the stellar play of sophomore sensation Gus Katsuras '06. Putting aside the fact that Katsuras had a hat trick, on one play, Katsuras managed to keep his balance while fighting off two defenders from the Hawks and still managed to beat the goalie with a pretty little deke.

This weekend the Conts travel to Williams and Middlebury for two monumental NESCAC contests. The Ephs of Williams are a much improved team from a year ago, and always play harder when Hamilton visits them in Massachusetts. Middlebury needs no introduction, because the dominance they have displayed over the years speak for itself. They are the third best team in the nation and are the most dominant team in the NESCAC this year. The Panthers have amazing team speed and always make tape to tape passes. The Conts need to reproduce their performance against New England against the Panthers to come back to Clinton on Saturday night with two victories.

Women's basketball wins three in a row

Women beat St. Lawrence, 70-67
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Captain Jeff Corey (8) sneaks around the net looking for his lineup to dig out the puck in the corner and fire it to him in the middle.